

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 881
 ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2026

**CREATION/EXPANSION OF FOOD PROCESSING AND PRESERVATION CAPACITIES
 SCHEME**

881. SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE:

Will the Minister of **FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an underutilisation of funds between 2019 to 2023 in the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP), Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and North Eastern Region (NER), categories of the Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such underutilisation;
- (c) status of approved projects, number of pending projects and timelines for completion of projects under the abovementioned categories in the same period; and
- (d) whether any provisions of inclusive alternatives are being considered of Non-refundable application fee charged at the submission of application for the Scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
 (SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing the Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) since 2017 under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana to incentivize setting up of food processing units across the country. The scheme is demand driven. Applications under the scheme are invited online against Expression of Interest (EoI) issued by Ministry from time to time subject to availability of funds and fulfilment of criteria of the applicable CEFPPC scheme guidelines. Funds under the Head Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP), Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and North Eastern Region (NER) are allocated as per fixed percentage of the Annual Gross Budgetary Support (GBS). During the period 2019-2020 to 2022-2023 under SCSP, TSP and NER categories of the CEFPPC Scheme, underutilization of funds was due to lack of sufficient number of eligible projects for releasing of funds. Details of the expenditure under these categories are as under: -

(Rupees in crore)

Financial year	SCSP		TSP		NER	
	RE*	AE**	RE*	AE**	RE*	AE**
2019-20	15	5.80	7.60	0	25.10	11.63
2020-21	25	16.73	9.00	0.81	12.30	12.30
2021-22	24	21.58	9	7.65	35	34.69
2022-23	30.25	12.18	9.99	0.36	35	20.19

*Revised Estimates

**Actual Expenditure

(c): Details of the projects approved during the Financial Years 2019-2020 to 2022-2023, are as under :-

	Total approved	Completed
SCSP	27	19
TSP	07	03
NER	42	36
Total	76	58

Remaining 18 projects are at various stages of implementation. As per the present CEFPPC Scheme Guidelines dated 22.01.2025, time for completion and operationalisation of projects is 18 months from the date of issue of approval letter.

(d): At present no such proposal is under consideration.
