GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *215
ANSWERED ON 07th AUGUST, 2026

ASSESSMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE IN PUNJAB

***215 # SHRI TARUN CHUGH:**

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any assessment of the adequacy of food processing and value addition infrastructure in the major agricultural producing regions of Punjab; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any gaps have been identified in the cold-chain infrastructure, agro-processing facilities and post-harvest value addition capacity across the State, if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken in this regard; and

(c) whether any proposals for the creation or expansion of food processing infrastructure in Punjab are under consideration, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *215 FOR ANSWER ON 07TH AUGUST, 2026 REGARDING "ASSESSMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE IN PUNJAB".

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has conducted various assessments from time to time to determine the overall level of food processing across various agricultural commodities produced in India, including Punjab and to evaluate the performance of the schemes being implemented by the Ministry. MoFPI also has undertaken Impact Evaluation Studies to assess the implementation, outcome and impact of the component schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY). As per the reports of the studies conducted in 2025, the following observations have been made:

- Third Party Impact Evaluation Study of Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) scheme conducted by BDO India Services Private Limited has assessed the gap in the processing level in India as compared to the countries with highest processing level in a particular sector. As per the findings of the study, India requires an additional 3,702 LMT of processing capacity to narrow the gap it has with countries with higher processing levels.
- Third Party Impact Evaluation Study of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure Scheme was conducted by Academy of Management Studies Consulting (P) Ltd. It has assessed the gap in estimated cold storage requirement and stated that the gap has increased substantially from 32.72 lakh MT in 2015 to 48.03 lakh MT in 2025, driven primarily by rising urban demand and consumption patterns.
- The Third Party Impact Evaluation Study of APC scheme conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI) underscores that the scheme has made vital contributions to strengthening agro-processing infrastructure across the country. With 68 ongoing clusters, scheme leads to mobilization of ₹ 2,014.57 crores of investment. Based on the evaluation of 27 sampled Agro-Processing Clusters, the scheme has facilitated the creation of substantial preservation (2.58 Lakh MT) & processing (15.14 lakh MT) capacities, generated employment (29,944), and extended benefits to farmers (67,110).
- MoFPI has conducted a study titled, "Assessment of the infrastructure and logistics requirements of India's food processing sector" through CRISIL Ltd. The study has identified gaps in cold chain and warehousing infrastructure and rural infrastructure. The study highlights that the cold chain infrastructure in India faces some challenges like scarcity of facilities in some areas, limited refrigerated transportation options at times, etc. The limited warehousing capacity for storing raw materials and finished goods is also observed in some areas.

(c). MoFPI supports the creation and expansion of the processing/preservation capacities through implementation of three schemes for the overall development of food processing sector, including creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlets, reduce post-harvest losses and create value-addition, providing better returns to farmers, creation of employment opportunities, increasing th e processing levels and enhancing the export of processed foods. The schemes of the Ministry are demand-driven and proposals are invited through Expressions of Interest (EoIs) from time to time across the country including Punjab, subject to the availability of funds. Funds are not allocated on a state-wise, region-wise or sector-wise basis under these schemes. Briefs of these three schemes being implemented by MoFPI are given as under:

i. Central Sector scheme- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY):

PMKSY is being implemented since 2017-18 across the country. The component schemes under PMKSY are (i) Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure (ii) Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC scheme), (iii) Operation Greens (OG scheme), (iv) Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (APC scheme), (v) Mega Food Parks (MFP scheme- discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2021) and (vi) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (CBFL scheme-discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2021). Under these component schemes, MoFPI provides financial support in the form of grants-in-aid/ subsidy for setting up of food processing projects thereby creating both processing and preservation infrastructure facilities including cold chain infrastructure.

ii. Centrally sponsored "PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme:

MoFPI is implementing a Centrally Sponsored- "Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country. The scheme is operational for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2025-26 (extended upto 30th September 2026) with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 Crore. The scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector.

iii. Central Sector Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI):

Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI) of MoFPI is intended, inter alia, to support creation of global food manufacturing champions and support Indian brands of food products in international market. The scheme is being implemented over a six-year period from 2021-22 to 2026-27 with an outlay of Rs.10,900 crores. The Scheme Objectives are to support food manufacturing entities with stipulated minimum Sales and willing to make minimum stipulated investment for expansion of processing capacity and Branding abroad to incentivise emergence of strong Indian brands.

The status of the above schemes in the state of Punjab is placed at **Annexure**.

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ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *215 FOR ANSWER ON 07TH AUGUST, 2026 ON "ASSESSMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE IN PUNJAB"

A. Progress under PMKSY scheme in Punjab

Scheme	Approved Projects	Completed/ Operational Projects	Project Cost@ (in Crores)	Approved Grants-In-Aid@ (in Cr.)	Released Grants-In-Aid@ (in Cr.)	Expected Processing Capacity (LMT/ Annum)	Expected Preservation Capacity created (LMT/ Annum)	Expected No of Cold storages/ frozen storage/ CA/ MA
APC	3	1	70.50	20.12	14.51	1.18	0.22	3
BFL	4	4	52.25	12.62	12.25	0.17	0.17	15
CC	25	21	566.98	157.03	138.40	6.44	1.94	42
CEFPPC	21	12	523.72	88.90	52.55	4.08	0.00	0
FTL	9	7	46.72	23.68	20.40	0.00	0.00	0
MFP	3	2	351.06	136.18	131.06	2.04	4.26	15
OG	1	0	45.29	9.84	3.18	0.24	0.05	4
R&D	12	12	6.01	5.97	5.63	0.00	0.00	0
Skill	1	1	1.23	0.64	0.64	0.00	0.00	0
Total	**79**	**60**	**1663.76**	**454.98**	**378.62**	**14.16**	**6.64**	**79**

As on 30.06.2026

@ Status for approved projects

B. Progress of PMFME in Punjab

Components	**Overall Achievement**
Credit Linked Subsidy- Individual Enterprises	Cumulative Loans sanctioned: 3,506 with project cost of Rs. 1311.59 crore , sanctioned amount of Rs. 990.89 crore and subsidy of Rs. 298.05 crore
Credit Linked Subsidy- Common Infrastructure	Loans Sanctioned: 4 with project cost- Rs. 9.30 crore, sanctioned amount -Rs. 6.56 crore and subsidy- Rs. 3.25Cr.
Seed Capital (No. of SHG Members approved with Amount sanctioned)	Rs. 4.36 Cr. approved for 1,404 SHG members
Incubation Centre Approved	1 approved - Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Patiala, with grant in aid of Rs. 3.45 Cr.
Branding & Marketing	2 Proposals approved with brand "Aasnaa" "Five Rivers"

As on 30.06.2026

C. Progress under PLISFPI scheme in Punjab

Total projects approved	9
Total projects completed	9
Total Committed Project Cost (Rs. in Cr.) [Committed Investment]	126.30
Total Actual/Reported project cost (Rs. in Cr.) [Actual Investment]	136.02
Total direct / indirect employment generated	3841
Total processing capacity created under PLIS(MT/annum)	155263

As on 30.06.2026

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