

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1507
ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2026

**ESTABLISHMENT OF MAIZE PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN KOSI REGION OF
BIHAR**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering establishing a maize processing industry in the border areas of Madhepura, Purnia, Katihar and Bhagalpur which are the highest-yielding maize producing districts, if so, the details of Government's plan in this regard; and
- (b) if not, the time by which Government proposes to consider establishing a maize processing industry in the Kosi, Seemanchal and Bhagalpur regions?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN)**

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) does not setup any food processing industries on its own. However, it incentivizes setting up of such industries including maize processing industry through its two Central Sector Schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and a Centrally sponsored scheme PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME). These schemes are demand driven and are implemented across the country including Madhepura, Purnia, Katihar and Bhagalpur districts of Bihar.

No project related to maize processing has been approved in Kosi, Seemanchal and Bhagalpur regions of Bihar under PMKSY. However, MoFPI has approved 17 projects, as on 30.06.2026, in Bihar having project cost of Rs. 874.64 crore with approved grants-in-aid/ subsidy of Rs. 180.19 crore under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY, out of which 3 projects having project cost of Rs. 233.51 crore with approved grants-in-aid/ subsidy of Rs. 20.00 crore are located in Seemanchal region of Bihar.

A total of 32100 micro food processing enterprises has been approved as on 30.06.2026 for credit linked subsidy of Rs. 753.01 crore in Bihar State under PMFME Scheme. A total of 313 micro food processing enterprises having subsidy of Rs. 8.97 crore have been approved for maize processing in Bihar, out of which 178 micro food processing enterprises having subsidy of Rs. 4.56 crore are in Kosi, Seemanchal and Bhagalpur regions of Bihar.

No project related to maize processing has been approved in Kosi, Seemanchal and Bhagalpur regions of Bihar under PLISFPI. However, 7 proposals at different locations under different categories of PLISFPI scheme have been approved in Bihar State as on 30.06.2026 with actual investment of Rs. 660.37 crore, out of which one proposal having actual investment of Rs. 186.49 crore is located in Seemanchal region of Bihar.
