

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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**INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PROCESSING OF MAHUA, TAMARIND, CHIRONJI,
AND OTHER FOREST PRODUCE**

1509. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is lack of necessary infrastructure for the processing of Mahua, Tamarind, Chironji and other minor forest produce in the tribal-dominated areas of Bastar and Sarguja; and
- (b) if so, whether Government is creating the necessary infrastructure and providing specialized technical assistance for the said produce?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to ensure overall development of food processing sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure 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 implemented across the country including tribal-dominated areas of Bastar and Sarguja and thereby strengthening food processing/ preservation infrastructure.

To promote local industries, One District One Product (ODOP) approach under PMFME Scheme has been adopted to reap the benefit of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of products. It provides the framework for value chain development and alignment of support infrastructure. The following products have been identified as ODOP in tribal-dominated areas of Bastar and Sarguja -

S. No.	District	ODOP
1.	Balrampur	Rice based products
2.	Bijapur	Minor Forest Produce (Mahua etc.)
3.	Dantewada (South Bastar)	Mango

4.	Jagdalpur (Bastar)	Minor Forest Produce (Tamarind)
5.	Jashpur	Rice based products
6.	Kanker (North Bastar)	Custard Apple based products
7.	Kondagaon	Cashew based Products
8.	Korea (Koriya)	Tomato based products
9.	Narayanpur	Minor Forest Produce (Harra etc.)
10.	Sukma	Millet based products (Jowar, Kodo-kutki)
11.	Surajpur	Turmeric based products
12.	Surguja	Minor Forest Produce (Mahua, Jackfruit etc.)

Under the PMFME Scheme, 1941 micro food processing enterprises has been approved as on 30.06.2026 for credit linked subsidy of Rs 84.04 crore in Chhattisgarh State, out of which 458 micro food processing enterprises having subsidy of Rs 13.73 crore are located in Bastar and Sarguja region of Chhattisgarh. Further, seed capital of Rs. 14.13 crore has been sanctioned for 10,194 Self Help Group (SHG) members as on 30.06.2026 in Chhattisgarh State under PMFME Scheme, out of which seed capital of Rs. 7.28 crore has been sanctioned for 5513 SHG members in Bastar and Sarguja region of Chhattisgarh.

Under the Capacity Building component of the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, MoFPI provides assistance for training of Trainers, District Resource Persons, Entrepreneurs and various other groups for Entrepreneurship Development Skilling (EDP+) & product specific skilling to entrepreneurs including women entrepreneurs, to meet the requirement of food processing industry. The scheme also envisages strengthening backward and forward linkages, provision of common facilities, incubation centres, training and support for marketing & branding. 7,310 beneficiaries have been trained in Chhattisgarh State, out of which 3,194 beneficiaries have been trained in Bastar and Sarguja region of Chhattisgarh under the PMFME scheme till 30.06.2026.

MoFPI has also approved 12 projects in Chhattisgarh, as on 30.06.2026, having project cost of Rs. 324.30 crore with approved grants-in-aid/ subsidy of Rs. 102.61 crore under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY, out of which 2 projects having project cost of Rs 30.06 crore with approved grants-in-aid/ subsidy of Rs. 12.41 crore are located in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh. Under the PLISFPI scheme, one proposal has been approved in Chhattisgarh State as on 30.06.2026 with actual investment of Rs. 45.14 crore. No proposal has been approved in Bastar and Sarguja region of Chhattisgarh under PLISFPI.
