

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1513
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PROMOTION OF PROCESSING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE IN RURAL AREAS

1513. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to promote processing of agricultural produce in rural areas;
- (b) the initiatives undertaken; and
- (c) the present status thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN)

(a) to (c): 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 the Centrally sponsored scheme PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME). These schemes are demand driven and most of the projects approved under the schemes are in rural areas, thereby strengthening food processing/preservation infrastructure.

MoFPI has approved 1735 projects, as on 30.06.2026, having project cost of Rs. 33,163.34 crore with approved grants-in-aid/ subsidy of Rs. 9,258.60 crore under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY.

A total of 2,00,421 micro food processing enterprises has been approved as on 30.06.2026 for credit linked subsidy and 4,18,293 members of Self Help Groups supported for seed capital amounting of Rs. 1438.29 crore in rural and urban areas of the country under PMFME Scheme.

A total of 163 applications from 127 companies, at 212 locations under different categories of PLISFPI scheme have been approved as on 30.06.2026 and a total incentive of Rs. 3271.44 crore has been disbursed so far.
