

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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STEPS TO MODERNISE POST HARVEST INFRASTRUCTURE

2317. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is modernising post-harvest infrastructure such as cold chains and silos under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the manner in which these initiatives, particularly through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), are reducing agri-wastage and enhancing food safety standards;
- (c) whether small and marginal farmers are being integrated into these value chains to improve their market access and income, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which this infrastructure expansion is contributing to rural employment, better price realization and improved nutrition outcomes for consumers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN)

(a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Central Sector umbrella scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), for the creation of modern food processing and post-harvest infrastructure. Under the various sub-component schemes of PMKSY, financial assistance is provided for setting up integrated cold chain and value addition infrastructure, food processing and preservation facilities, food testing laboratories, irradiation units and other post-harvest management infrastructure. Standalone grain silos are not supported under PMKSY. The facilities created under the component schemes of PMKSY help in the preservation and processing of raw farm produce and transport of raw and finished products, thereby reducing post-harvest losses of farm produce. As on 30.06.2026, 1735 projects have been approved under various component schemes of PMKSY, of which 1256 projects have been completed, creating processing and preservation capacity of about 294.21 lakh metric tonnes per annum.

(b) MoFPI provides financial assistance for setting up food processing infrastructure in the country under its Central Sector, demand-driven scheme, PMKSY. The scheme supports eligible entities/organisations, including private sector entities, FPOs, cooperatives, entrepreneurs and companies, thereby leveraging private investment. The infrastructure created under the scheme helps reduce post-harvest losses, strengthen the cold chain from farm gate to consumer, extend the shelf life of perishables, promote value addition and improve food safety through modern processing and food testing infrastructure.

(c) & (d) To strengthen farmer participation in food processing value chains, PMKSY provides enhanced financial assistance to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) along with relaxed eligibility conditions such as lower equity contribution, lower minimum bank loan requirement and a reduced net-worth requirement compared to the general category applicants. These initiatives promote aggregation of produce, improve market linkages, enhance value addition and enable better price realization for farmers, including small and marginal farmers. The infrastructure created under PMKSY has also contributed to generating direct and indirect employment across the country, including in rural areas, reducing post-harvest losses and strengthening the availability of safe, quality and nutritious food through better preservation and value addition. As on 30.06.2026, 9.16 lakh employment opportunities have been created across the country under PMKSY.
