

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 554
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PRODUCTION COST OF PROCESSED EDIBLES

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

- (a) the details of production cost of different edibles processed from potato, tomato, wheat, paddy, pulses and seeds;
- (b) the selling price and profits percentage of these processed edibles;
- (c) whether the farmers or the food processing industrialists gain more benefit from these agricultural products and if so, the details thereof, and
- (d) whether the Government has framed regulations for maintenance of parity of profit between the farmers and food processing industrialists and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) does not assess or monitor the cost of production of the processed food products and their prices etc. It promotes the food processing sector in the country. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has recently approved a new central sector scheme PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) with an allocation of Rs. 6,000 crore for the period 2016-20 conterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. PMKSY is an umbrella scheme for overall development of the food processing sector which includes development of food processing units. The scheme encompasses three new schemes viz; (i) Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters; (ii) Creation of Forward and Backward Linkages and (iii) Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities and four on-going schemes viz; (i) Mega Food Park; (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure; (iii) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure; and (iv) Human Resources and Institutions. The Farmers, Farmers Producer Organizations, Entrepreneurs, Co-operatives Societies, Self Help Groups, Private Companies and State PSUs etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance under these schemes for setting up food processing projects in the country. Besides, a special food processing fund of Rs. 2,000/- crores has been created with NABARD to make available concessional credit to the food processing sector.