

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1640
ANSWERED ON 06TH MARCH, 2018

AGRO-BASED RURAL INDUSTRIES

1640. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

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

- (a) the details of the policy of the Government to promote agro-based rural industries;
- (b) whether the Government promotes the establishment of specific agro-based rural industries in areas which are in abundance of agro produce;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to process the excess vegetable produce to prevent the farmers from destroying these vegetables so that farmers could reap the benefits and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Government has approved recently, a Central Sector Scheme – **PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA - (PMKSY) for promotion and development of Food Processing Industries in the Country including Rural Areas.** The PMKSY has the following schemes:

- (i). Mega Food Parks;
- (ii). Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure;
- (iii). Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities;
- (iv). Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters;
- (v). Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages;
- (vi). Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure; and
- (vii). Human Resources and Institutions.

The Ministry provides grants-in-aid to the eligible Proprietorship/Partnership firms, Joint venture, Farmers, Cooperatives, Corporations, Self Help Groups, Farmers Producer Organizations, Central/State PSUs, Public and Private Companies etc. in accordance with guidelines of the Schemes.

(d): **PMKSY “PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA”** is a comprehensive package which will result in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. Not only it provides a big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country but also help in providing better prices to farmers and is a big step towards doubling of farmers income, creating huge employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods.
