

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2978**  
ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

MINI FOOD PARKS

**2978. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:**  
**SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up Mini Food Parks to raise the processing level across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the sops and concessions being provided thereunder to the farmers?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) for setting up of 100 agro processing clusters in the country coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. This scheme aims at development of modern infrastructure to encourage entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach closer to production areas. The Project Execution Agency (PEA) / organizations such as Government / Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) / Joint Ventures / Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) / Cooperatives / Self Help Groups (SHGs) / Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) / Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) / Private Sector / partnership firm / individuals etc. are eligible for financial assistance under the scheme.

(c): The scheme envisages grants-in-aid @35% of eligible project cost in general areas and @50% of eligible project cost in hilly and difficult areas [i.e. North East Region including Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) notified areas and Islands] subject to maximum of Rs. 10.00 crore per project.

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