

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3969**  
ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

INCENTIVES FOR SMALL / MINI FOOD PARKS

**3969. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:**  
**SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote small/mini food processing parks in various rural areas of the country;
- (b) the details of mini food parks that have been established in the country till date;
- (c) whether the Government has introduced Sampada Scheme to promote setting up of mini food parks in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the incentives being proposed for setting up of mini food parks under this programme;
- (e) the implementation and the progress made under the scheme so far; and
- (f) whether the Government is considering to synchronise the scheme with start up India to attract youth under small food processing sector and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** 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) to promote setting up of 100 agro processing clusters in the country including in various rural areas. While inviting the proposals under the scheme, wide publicity is given through print media and Ministry's website from time to time.

**(b):** Till date, MoFPI has approved setting up of five (5) Agro Processing Clusters by Project Execution Agencies (PEAs) as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the proposal	Project cost (Rs. in crore)	Grant approved (Rs. in crore)
1.	M/s Keshvam Food Park, Distt. Nagpur, Maharashtra	45.22	10.00
2.	M/s ADM Infrastructure, Distt. Amravati, Maharashtra	28.75	9.36
3.	M/s Sahyadri Farmers Producer Company Limited, Distt. Nashik, Maharashtra	33.27	10.00
4.	M/s India Mega Agro Anaj Limited, Distt. Nanded, Maharashtra	30.99	10.00
5.	M/s Swabhimani Co-op Industrial Estate Ltd., Distt. Kolhapur, Maharashtra	34.82	10.00

**(c):** Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) for the development of food processing sector including setting up of Agro Processing Clusters in the country. The Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters under PMKSY 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.

**(d):** 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.

**(e):** Ministry has issued Expression of Interest (EoI) on 22.12.2017 for inviting online proposals from prospective entrepreneurs / investors for setting up agro processing clusters in the country. The last date for receipt of proposals is 31.03.2018. Till date, five (5) Agro Processing Clusters has been approved by MoFPI in the country.

**(f):** The proposals under the scheme are invited against through Expressions of Interest (EoI) as and when issued by the Ministry. Selection of suitable proposals for setting up of agro processing clusters in the country is done, based on the merit, through a stringent appraisal process as per the prefixed criteria prescribed in the Scheme guidelines. The willing entrepreneurs including start-ups may submit their proposals online for setting up agro processing clusters and avail benefits under the scheme.

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