

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.551**  
ANSWERED ON 06<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

FOOD PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY

**551. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts for greater engagement with farmers in terms of technology related to Food Processing Sector, helping them to choose optimum products that can be grown and used as value addition in India's food processing sector by helping farmers focus on areas like organic farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is reviewing the categorisation of the food processing industry for bank credit, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is facilitating easier access of credit for Food Processing Equipment to small farmers, cooperative societies and MSMEs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and segment-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Government is promoting organic farming under the Scheme Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana(PMKVY). Under the scheme, Government is providing assistance for organic cultivation, certification, labelling, packing, transportation and marketing of organic products. In addition, organic value chain development for organic products from production to marketing is promoted in North Eastern Region through Mission Organic Value Chain Development(MOVCD).

(c) to (e): Under the Schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance is provided for setting up of Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain and value addition infrastructure for processing units which includes plant and machinery also. A Special Fund of Rs. 2000 Crore has been setup in NABARD by the Central Government to make available affordable credit at concessional rate of interest to designated food parks and agro-processing units in the designated Food Parks. Ministry has notified 175 designated Food Parks in different States for this purpose. Rs. 535.56 Crore has been sanctioned to 14 Projects and Rs. 231.63 Crore disbursed so far.

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