

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3311**  
ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018

FPI IN RURAL AREAS

**3311. SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any long term scheme for processing of agricultural produces in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Government has approved a new Central Sector Scheme – PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) on 3rd May, 2017 with an allocation of Rs.6,000 crore for the period 2016-20 coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle for overall growth and development of food processing sector in the country including rural areas. PMKSY is a comprehensive package resulting in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. It not only provides a big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country but also helps 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.

The various schemes implemented under PMKSY are (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.

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