

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1598
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FOOD PROCESSING PROJECTS

†1598. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to prepare any project to promote food processing industry in the areas where regional fruits like grapes, pomegranate, strawberries etc. and agriculture food products like raisins, turmeric, chilly and jaggery etc. are produced in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make any provision to develop food processing industry hubs in those areas where regional fruits are produced by farmer's groups; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is already implementing a Central Sector Scheme – PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA - (PMKSY) for promotion and development of Food Processing Industries in the Country including in the State of Maharashtra. The PMKSY has seven component schemes viz;(i) Mega Food Parks, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters, (iv) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (v) Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. The Ministry is also implementing the scheme "Operation Greens" as a vertical of PMKSY since November, 2018 for integrated development of value chain of tomato, onion and potato (TOP) crops in the selected States on pilot basis that includes the State of Maharashtra.

The schemes are demand driven under which credit linked capital subsidy in the form of grants-in-aid is provided to the individuals, farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives, Societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and Central/ State PSUs etc. for setting up of food processing industries/ units/ projects for setting up of food processing industries for processing agricultural produce across the country including in the State of Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): The scheme components of PMKSY such as 'Mega Food Parks' and 'Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters' are designed to create common infrastructure and facilities in the dominant agricultural produce clusters which serve as hubs for development of food processing industry. Keeping this factor in view, Ministry of Food Processing Industries gives preferences to units for financial assistance which are set up on Mega Food Parks, Agro-processing clusters and State notified designated food parks.
