

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2531
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PROCESSING OF FRUITS

2531. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been made regarding production of fruits particularly Litchi in the country including Bihar;
- (b) if so, whether the number of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) is relatively less in comparison to the production of fruits; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government for promotion of FPIs in Bihar?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the estimates released by Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, the production of Litchi in India was 686 thousand MT in 2017-18.

(b) & (c): As per Annual Survey of Industries for 2016-17, conducted by Ministry of Statistics & Program Implementation, the number of factories in Food Processing Sector in Bihar was estimated as 881 of which only 13 units/factories were for processing and preservation of fruits and vegetables.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is 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 Bihar. Under the schemes of PMKSY viz., ‘Mega Food Parks’, ‘Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure’, ‘Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters’, ‘Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages’ and ‘Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities’ 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 in the country including in the State of Bihar. These schemes are demand driven and financial assistance is provided to the eligible applicants against the Expression of Interest issued by the MoFPI from time to time.
