

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2667**  
ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

PROMOTION OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

**†2667. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is likely to make any provision to promote food processing industries through Women's Savings Groups;
- (b) if so, the details of the facilities proposed to be provided to the women's groups;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to make any provision to run food processing industries through women's groups and to promote them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): A Central Sector Scheme – PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA - (PMKSY) is implemented for promotion and development of Food Processing Industries in the Country. The Scheme components of PMKSY are (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. Under these schemes, financial assistance 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. Women entrepreneurs or group of women entrepreneurs can also apply for assistance for setting up of food processing industries/ units/ projects.

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