

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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LONG TERM PLAN FOR AGRO PROCESSING

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a long term plan for processing of agricultural products in the rural areas of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): A Central Sector Scheme – PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA - (PMKSY) is implemented for promotion and development of Food Processing Industries in the Country including Rural Areas of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh for processing of agricultural and horticultural produce. The implementation period of PMKSY is 1916-2000. 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 in selected States on pilot basis. Under these schemes, financial assistance as capital subsidy in the form of grants-in-aid are 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. The Schemes are demand driven. Financial assistance to the eligible applicant is provided as per the Scheme guidelines against the Expression of Interest issued by the Ministry from time to time.
