

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN FPI

3719. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is focussing on areas such as modern machines, technology and bio-degradable packaging to overcome the challenges being faced by the food processing sector and promote its growth;
- (b) if so, the plan prepared therefor; and
- (c) whether there is a need to work on improving infrastructure for food processing sector to increase exports, reduce wastage and supply the products in every nook and corner of the country, if so, the action taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Umbrella scheme, 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)' to promote, inter alia, modernization, technology advancement, infrastructure development and capacity enhancement of food processing industries in the country. The research & development component of the scheme Human Resources and Institutions promotes research in different fields including environment friendly packaging and adoption of new technology in the food processing sector.

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/supply chain of tomato, onion and potato (TOP) crops in selected States on pilot basis.

The PMKSY is comprehensive package with objectives to create 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 help in providing better returns 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.
