

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT IN FPIS

1136. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Food Processing Industries (FPI) is one of the major job intensive industries in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the employment opportunities generated during each of the last five years;
- (c) whether any measures are being taken by the Government to increase job creation capabilities by promoting domestic and foreign investment in the food processing sector; and
- (d) if so, the details of funds invested by both domestic and foreign agencies in this sector during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation releases data on various aspects including employment of registered manufacturing sectors including food processing sector through the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI). As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries 2019-20, food processing sector contributed 12.22% of total persons engaged in the registered manufacturing sector. The details of employment in food processing sector for last five years, as per Annual Survey of Industries, are as under:

Year	Employment (In lakhs)
2015-16	17.65
2016-17	18.53
2017-18	19.33
2018-19	20.05
2019-20	20.32

Source: Annual Survey of Industries 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) for augmenting processing/preservation capacity, creating off-farm employment, leveraging domestic investment and increasing value addition to the economy. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme has been launched for creating global food champions through incentivizing investment in the food processing sector and for creating employment. The Pradhan Mantri-Formalisation of Micro Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme is also being implemented since 2020-21 which aims at upgrading/formalising 2 lakh micro informal units. The government has also permitted 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) under the automatic route.

The total FDI received in the food processing sector since April 2014 till March 2022 was US\$ 5.29 billion. Also 679 completed projects under various component schemes of PMKSY has leveraged Rs. 9511.9 crore of investment as on 30.11.2022.
