

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented scheme for value chain development of fruits and vegetables based products in the State of Maharashtra including Satara and Solapur;
- (b) If so, the provision for setting up of micro and medium processing units for the entrepreneurs under this scheme;
- (c) whether pomegranate and other fruits and vegetables are cultivated in Phaltan and Maan talukas in Satara district in abundance and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken for value chain development of pomegranate based product and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to reserve Satara district for production of pomegranate, for which subsidy and other facilities are provided by the Government for setting up the processing industry related fruits or vegetables; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various sub schemes under the umbrella scheme, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), for promotion of food processing industries, including value chain development for fruits and vegetables across India, including Maharashtra. The sub-schemes under PMKSY are demand driven in nature. Eligible individuals/ entities, including micro and medium enterprises, can submit applications against Expression of Interest (EoI) floated by the Ministry for inviting proposals from time to time. Grants-in-aid is provided to the approved projects @ 35% - 50% of eligible project cost subject to maximum ceiling and instalments are released against achievement of milestones prescribed under respective scheme guidelines.

(c): The production data for the Financial Year 2021-22 of Pomegranate and fruits & vegetables on the basis of data provided by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is given in the table below:

| SN | Particulars | Production in '000 MT in India | Production in '000 MT in Maharashtra | Production in '000 MT in Satara District |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. | Pomegranate | 3148.32 | 1657.26 | 32.00 |
| 2. | Fruits & Vegetables | 312076.63 | 29257.26 | 560.35 |

(d), (e) & (f): One of the sub-schemes of PMKSY, namely Operation Greens Scheme is focused on cluster based approach for value chain development of selected fruits, vegetables and shrimp. The districts/ clusters identified in Maharashtra on the basis of production data of National Horticulture Board, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for value chain development of pomegranate based products are Nashik, Ahmednagar, Pune, Solapur and Sangli.

The sub-schemes of PMKSY are open for any eligible entity to come forward and submit proposals in response to EoI issued by the Ministry for availing financial benefits for setting up of food processing facilities anywhere in India including different districts in Maharashtra for pomegranate and other crop based products, in accordance with the guidelines of the respective sub-scheme.

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Horticulture Cluster Development Programme (CDP) to address the concerns of horticulture value chain from pre-production, production, post-harvest management and value addition to logistics, marketing and branding, in an integrated manner for accelerating competitiveness in the domestic and export market.

Solapur district in Maharashtra has been selected as horticulture cluster for Pomegranate for the pilot launch of CDP.
