

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *392
ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2023

GROWTH IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

***392. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Food Processing Sector in the country has witnessed meagre growth of 11% between 2015 and 2020 and the same is much low as compared to developing and developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the demand and supply mismatch, low penetration of technology, supply chain issues like availability of cold storage and warehousing facilities are the major barriers to the growth of the country;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to further improve the food processing industries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any target has been fixed for the coming years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PASHUPATI KUMAR PARAS)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *392 FOR ANSWER ON 28TH MARCH, 2023 ON “GROWTH IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR”

(a) & (b): India’s food processing sector has reported growth of 10.3 % between 2015-16 and 2020-21 as compared to 5.1 % in the overall manufacturing sector.

(c) to (e): The major challenges affecting the food processing sector includes the predominant share of micro and informal units, inadequate post-harvest infrastructure including cold storage, low levels of processing, availability of affordable credit, low market access, technological gaps etc.

In order to address these challenges and for overall development of the food processing sector, the Ministry of Food Processing Industry (MoFPI) implements various schemes, which are demand driven, like:

- (i) Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)
- (ii) PM-Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME)
- (iii) Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme
