

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4442**  
ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**SEAFOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES UNDER PMFME SCHEME**

**4442. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:**

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

- (a) the details of the funds received, allocated, disbursed and utilized under Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme during each of the last three years along with the targets achieved particularly for Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans for the formalisation of cold storage and seafood processing industries under PM-FME Scheme across coastal areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and
- (c) 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). Since the Centrally Sponsored 'Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme' was approved by the Government in May, 2020 and guidelines issued in June, 2020, no funds were released during Financial Year 2019-20. However, the details of the funds (Centre share) received, allocated, disbursed and utilized under the Scheme during the last two years are as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Funds allocated / received at RE (Revised Estimates)</b>	<b>Funds disbursed / utilized</b>
2020-21	400	398.93
2021-22	399	328.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>727.63</b>

Funds (Centre share) of Rs. 3.74 crores has been released to Andaman and Nicobar Islands till date and 11 loans have been sanctioned under credit linked subsidy component of the Scheme against target of 100 loans.

(b) & (c). Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a centrally sponsored "PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for setting up / upgradation of micro food processing enterprises (which also include seafood processing enterprises) in the country including Andaman and Nicobar Islands. However, stand alone cold storages are not supported under the Scheme.

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