

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

†3063.SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any long term plan for processing of agricultural products in rural areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to provide loans and subsidies to farmers to encourage food processing products in rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): - Yes Sir. In order to ensure overall development of Food Processing Industries including processing of agro- products, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its Central Sector Umbrella Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme across the country including rural areas of Rajasthan.

Under component schemes of PMKSY, the Ministry provides mostly credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) in the form of grant-in-aid to the eligible applicants which include Individuals, Farmers & Farmer Producer Organisations. So far, Ministry has approved 2 Mega Food Parks, 13 Cold Chain projects, 5 Agro Processing Clusters, 23 Food Processing Units, 6 Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages and 1 Operation Green project in Rajasthan under the corresponding component schemes of PMKSY.

The Ministry also provides financial, technical and business support for setting up/ upgradation of micro food processing enterprises through credit linked subsidy under PMFME scheme. A total of 346 individual micro food processing units have been approved for assistance under the scheme in Rajasthan so far.
