

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3215**  
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2023

**GRANTS FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES**

†3215.SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to provide grants to the youth who set up food processing industries individually;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which banks can help such unemployed youth and farmers and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b):** Yes Sir. Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of Food Processing Industries 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.

Under component schemes of PMKSY, the Ministry provides mostly credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) in the form of grants-in-aid to the entrepreneurs including individual entrepreneurs.

The Ministry also provides financial, technical and business support for setting up/ upgradation of individual micro food processing enterprises through credit linked subsidy under PMFME scheme.

PLISFPI is targeted to facilitate expansion of food processing capacity by creating champion brands in Food Processing Sector with total outlay of Rs 10,900 Cr for a period of 6 years (2021-22 to 2026-27).

**(c):** For easy and affordable credit to the sector, all food & agro-processing activities have been made eligible under Priority Sector Lending and a special fund of Rs.2000 crore has been set up in National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). Ministry regularly follows up with lending Institutions to ensure easy and affordable credit availability for Food Processing entrepreneurs including youth and farmers.

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