

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 829**  
ANSWERED ON 25.07. 2023

**VOCAL FOR LOCAL IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR**

**829. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:**

Will the MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan- Vocal for Local in Food Processing Sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government is helping the micro enterprises in the challenges faced by them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal for Capacity Building and entrepreneurship development for micro enterprises working in the field of Food Processing Industries; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): As part of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Ministry of Food Processing industries (MoFPI) is implementing a centrally sponsored "Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for extending credit linked subsidy to the interested individual/entity for upgradation of existing or setting up of new micro-food processing facility, in accordance with the scheme guidelines. 39,915 loans have been sanctioned to beneficiaries located in various States/ UTs, including 8049 in Maharashtra, under the scheme till 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

(c) & (d): Handholding support is provided to the beneficiary for project formulation, execution, access to credit, linkages to machine/equipment manufacturers, maintenance of hygiene & quality control etc. through different components of the PMFME scheme such as promotional activities, capacity building, and marketing & branding.

(e) & (f): Training on "entrepreneurship development" and "food processing" is given to the beneficiary of credit linked subsidy and seed capital, under the Capacity Building component of the scheme.

A total of 492 Master Trainers; 1014 District Level Trainers; 1739 District Resource Persons; and 43157 beneficiaries of PMFME scheme have been given training on Food Processing and Entrepreneurship Development in different States/UTs, so far.

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