

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1484**  
ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020

PROMOTION OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

**1484. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of organic farming in Jhalawar - Baran and export of organic produce to other countries;
- (b) if so, the details of the Government's plans to promote food processing industries in the Kota Division of Rajasthan, district-wise;
- (c) the details of estimated investment and employment opportunities in the Kota region to be generated in the next 5 years;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to support processing industries for organic oranges, garlic, coriander, soyabean, etc.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (e): As per the information furnished by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, an area of 5,676 hectares in the District of Baran and another 5,445 hectares in the District of Jhalawar of Rajasthan is under organic farming as per the certification bodies accredited under the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP). The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare has been assisting the State Governments including the Government of Rajasthan for promotion of organic farming as they have released Rs.9760 lakhs to the Government of Rajasthan during 2015-16 to 2019-20 in two phases to cover 1.23 lakh hectares of land for organic farming.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Central Sector Umbrella Scheme- PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) with a total allocation of Rs.6000 crore for the period 2016-2020 and with the scheme components viz: (i) Mega Food Parks (MFP), (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain), (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters (APC), (iv) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (BFL) (v) Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC), (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure, (vii) Human Resources and Institutions and (viii) Operation Greens for overall development of food processing sector in the country including in the Kota Division of the State of Rajasthan. The scheme component 'Operation Greens' for integrated development of value chain exclusively of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops is implemented on a pilot basis in selected States only. Under the above schemes, mostly credit-linked capital subsidy in the form of grants-in-aid to the individuals, farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives, Societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and Central/ State PSUs etc. is provided for setting up of various food processing industries/projects/units including the processing industries of organic produce including oranges, garlic, coriander, soybeans etc. The Schemes are demand-driven and financial assistance is provided to the eligible applicants and against expressions of interests issued from time to time by the MoFPI. A project under the scheme of 'Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters' with a total grant-in-aid of Rs.9.48 crore and another under the 'Cold Chain' scheme with a total grant-in-aid of Rs.8.15 crore are under implementation in the District of Kota in Kota Division.

