GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1843

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SCHEMES OF POULTRY AND MEAT INDUSTRY

1843. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

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

- (a) the details of schemes/progammes under which the Ministry gives incentives/grants/financial assistance, etc., to poultry and meat industry during the last five years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether it is true that the share of assistance under various schemes to poultry and meat industry is just 5 per cent;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the manner in which the Ministry thinks that with this meagre percentage of assistance, the poultry and meat industry has grown/will grow in the food processing sector; and
- (e) whether it is also true that 11 Mega Food Parks are proposed to become operational in 2019-20 and if so, the manner in which these Mega Food Parks will help poultry and meat industry to push in processing and export?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) provides credit-linked financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid for setting up food processing industries/projects/units for processing and preservation of various agricultural and allied produce including meat and poultry under the central sector schemes of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain), Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (BFL) and Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (Unit Scheme) which are component schemes of Umbrella Scheme-PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY). Whereas the Cold Chain scheme is under implementation for more than five years, the Unit Scheme and BFL scheme is under implementation since 2017-18. These schemes are implemented in all States and UTs of India. Besides the above three schemes, under the centrally sponsored scheme of 'Setting up/ Modernization of Abattoirs", Ministry has been providing financial assistance, particularly to local bodies to set up and/or modernize abattoir projects. This scheme has since been discontinued and only funds are released to the already sanctioned projects.
- (b) to (d): Yes, Sir. The share of assistance to meat and poultry industry has been around 5%. The Ministry does not earmark fund for different sub-sector like fruits and vegetables, meat & poultry. The assistance is based on demand. However, the Ministry gives preference to processing of perishable produce like fruits & vegetables, dairy, meat & poultry.
- (e): 12 Mega Food Parks (MFPs) are proposed to be made operational during 2019-20. However, these MFPs are not especially dedicated to meat & pouty processing industry. Meat & poultry processing units can be set up in these parks to push production of meat & poultry products and export thereof.
