

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †287
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PROCESSING OF AGRO PRODUCTS

†287. **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 agriculture produce in rural areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is already implementing a Central Sector Umbrella Scheme – **PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPAD A YOJANA - (PMKSY)** with an allocation of Rs. 6000 crore for the period 2016-20 with the scheme components viz: (i) Mega Food Parks, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters, (iv) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (v) Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions for overall development food processing sector by, inter alia, creation of modern infrastructure and efficient supply chain for facilitating preservation and processing of various agro-produce such cereals, vegetables, fruits, milk, fish, poultry & meat etc. in rural and urban areas of the country including in the State of Rajasthan. PMKSY is a comprehensive package resulting in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. Under the schemes of PMKSY financial assistance in the form grants-in-aid is provided to farmers, entrepreneurs, organizations such as Central and State PSUs/Joint Ventures/Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)/NGOs/Cooperatives/SHGs/ Public and Private Companies etc. to set up food processing industries/projects/units. These Schemes are demand driven. Financial assistance is provided to the eligible applicant from all parts of the country including the State of Rajasthan as per the Scheme guidelines and against the Expression of Interest issued by the Ministry from time to time.
