

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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SMALL FRUIT PROCESSING UNITS

410. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up small fruits processing units for providing remunerative prices to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the names of the districts where such units are proposed to be set up specially in Haryana;
- (c) whether the setting up of such units in each district is required for the upliftment of farmers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the units already set up in the country including Haryana?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): No Sir.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up any fruit processing unit on its own. However, as part of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Ministry has launched an all India centrally sponsored "PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises. It is to be implemented for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs.10,000 crore.

Two lakh micro food processing units will be directly assisted with credit linked subsidy. Nearly 8 lakh micro enterprises will benefit through access to a relevant information for their growth and guidance through the PMFME portal.

There will be increased access to services like sorting, grading, processing, packaging, storage, food testing, incubation, branding and marketing etc.

The support to food processing units, SHGs/ FPOs/ Cooperatives envisaged in the scheme is as under:

- (i) Credit linked grant @ 35% of the project cost with maximum grant up to Rs.10 lakh to existing unorganised food processing units for upgradation;
- (ii) Credit linked grant @ 35% of the project cost to SHGs/FPOs/Cooperatives for capital expenditure;
- (iii) Seed capital @ Rs.40,000/- per member of SHGs engaged in food processing as a working capital;
- (iv) Credit linked grant @ 35% of the project cost for common infrastructure;
- (v) Support for marketing & branding up to 50% of the expenditure.

(d): Applications have not been invited. One District One Product (ODOP) being finalized. Scheme guidelines provide that applications would be invited after ODOP finalised.