

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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PROCESSING OF AGRO-PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any long term scheme for processing of agro-products in the rural areas of Karnataka; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing Central Sector umbrella scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) for overall growth and development of food processing sector, including processing of agro- products. The component schemes of PMKSY are - (i) Mega Food Park, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (iii) Creation /Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, (iv) Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters, (v) Creation of Backward & Forward linkages, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure, (vii) Human Resource and Institutions,(viii) Operation Greens.

Under component schemes of PMKSY, MoFPI provides mostly credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing / preservation industries. PMKSY is not region or state specific but demand driven and is implemented across the country including the rural areas of Karnataka. So far, Ministry has approved 2 Mega Food Park projects, 16 Cold Chain projects, 4 Agro Processing Clusters, 19 Food Processing Units, 3 Backward & Forward Linkages Projects & 9 Food Test Laboratory projects in Karnataka under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY.

As part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative, MoFPI is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme-PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME) for providing financial, technical and business support for setting up/upgradation of 2 lakh micro food processing enterprises through credit linked subsidy during five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs.10,000 cr. Out of this, a total of 11910 units have been allocated to Karnataka with tentative outlay of Rs 562.43 cr. for five years.
