

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2226
ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2022

AGRO PROCESSING CLUSTER SCHEME

2226. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

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

- (a) the total budget allocated for the Agro Processing Cluster (APC) Scheme which aims to set up food processing units based on cluster approach by linking groups of producers/farmers to the processors and markets through well-equipped supply chain with modern infrastructure in the current financial year;
- (b) the total funds utilized under this scheme in the last financial year, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government is reconsidering on reducing the net worth criteria for women and SC/ST entrepreneurs and more than one APC in Agri base districts, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the number of such clusters in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The Budget Estimate (BE) allocated for the Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters for the current financial year (2021-22) is Rs. 37.50 crore.
- (b): State-wise fund allocation is not made under the scheme. A total of Rs. 48.365 crore was utilized in 2020-21 which includes Rs. 7.378 Cr. released to three projects approved in the State of Maharashtra.
- (c): As on date, no such decision has been taken by the Ministry.
- (d) & (e): Yes Sir; Government has approved continuation of the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) for 15th Finance Commission cycle till 31.03.2026. Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure of Agro Processing Cluster (APC) is a sub scheme of PMKSY and Ministry has proposed to sanction 30 additional projects under APC scheme during the period.
