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FPIs IN BACKWARD AREAS OF MAHARASTRA

3010. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

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

- (a) the salient features of Agro - Processing Cluster and Pradhan Mantri formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) schemes;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Food Processing Industries (FPIs) in Nashik and Dhule districts of Maharashtra as they are backward districts; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The salient features of the scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (APC) and Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme is placed at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): Under component schemes of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana, Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance for setting up Food Processing Industries to the eligible applicants selected on the basis of Expression of Interest (EoI) issued from time to time. So far, 27 such projects have been approved for assistance in Nashik district, whereas 3 projects have been approved in Dhule district. 1 APC each has been approved in these districts.

Under PMFME Scheme, financial, technical and business support is provided for setting up/upgradation of micro food processing enterprises based on One District One Product (ODOP) approach through credit linked subsidy. Banana for Dhule District and Onion for Nashik District has been identified as ODOP under the scheme. So far 6 individual applications have been approved in Nashik district, whereas 2 applications have been approved in Dhule district for assistance under the scheme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3010 ANSWER ON 22ND MARCH, 2022 REGARDING “FPIs IN BACKWARD AREAS OF MAHARASTRA”.

1. Salient features of the Scheme of Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters

(a) Objectives of the scheme:

The scheme is aimed at development of modern infrastructure and common facilities to encourage entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach and also to create modern infrastructure for food processing closer to production areas and to provide integrated and complete preservation infrastructure facilities from the farm gate to the consumer.

(b) Components under the scheme:

Two basic components of the scheme are (i) basic enabling infrastructure and (ii) core infrastructure facilities. A minimum 5 food processing units with minimum investment of Rs. 25 crore are to be setup in the cluster.

(c) Pattern of Assistance available under the scheme

Grants @ 35% of eligible project cost in general areas and @50% of eligible project cost in the North East States and difficult areas, SC/ST promoters subject to max. of Rs. 10.00 crore per project is admissible under the scheme.

(d) Organization/ Entities Eligible for assistance under the scheme

Project Execution Agency (PEA) / organizations such as Govt. / PSUs / Joint Ventures / NGOs / Cooperatives / Self Help Groups (SHGs) / Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) / Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) / Private Sector / partnership firm / individuals etc are eligible.

2. Salient features of PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises(PMFME) Scheme

(a) Brief of the Scheme:

Ministry of Food Processing Industries(MoFPI) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored "PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" (initially conceived as Gram Samaridhi Yojana) for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country. The scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector.

(b) Objectives of the scheme:

The objectives of the scheme are to build capacity of two lakh micro enterprises through increased access to credit, integration with organized supply chain by strengthening branding and marketing, increased access to common services, strengthening of institutions, research & training in the food processing sector.

(c) Eligible organizations/ Entities and assistance available under the scheme: The details of support to Micro Food Processing Units under the scheme are mentioned below:

(i) Support to Individual Micro Enterprises: Credit-linked capital subsidy @35% of the eligible project cost, maximum ceiling Rs.10 lakh per unit;

(ii) Support to FPOs/ SHGs/ Producer Cooperatives: Credit linked Grant @35% to support clusters and groups such as FPOs/ SHGs/ Producer Cooperatives along their entire value chain for sorting, grading, storage, common processing, packaging, marketing, testing etc.

(iii) Support to SHGs for seed capital: Seed capital @ Rs. 40,000/- per member of SHG engaged in food processing for working capital and purchase of small tools.

(iv) Support for Common Infrastructure: Credit linked grant @ 35% to support FPOs, SHGs, Cooperatives, any Government agency or private enterprises for Common infrastructure. The common infrastructure will also be available for other units and public to utilize on hiring basis for substantial part of the capacity.

(v) Branding and Marketing Support: Grant upto 50% for Branding and Marketing to groups of FPOs/ SHGs/ Cooperatives or an SPV of micro food processing enterprises.

(vi) Capacity Building: The scheme envisages training for Entrepreneurship Development Skilling and product specific training.