

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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PROMOTION OF AGRO AND FOOD PROCESSING BUSINESS IN ASSAM

4281. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Government for the promotion of Agro and Food Processing Business in Assam;
- (b) whether the Government has taken several initiatives for backward and forward linkages for perishable agriculture products assuring quality and food safety and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of food processing industries in Assam; and
- (d) the number of Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain and other Value Addition Infrastructure in Assam?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme-Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) since 2016-17 to achieve overall development of food processing sector in the country including Assam. The scheme aims to incentivize investment in creation of capacity in preservation and processing infrastructure thereby creating effective linkages of farmers with processors and markets, creating effective supply chain for perishable products, augmenting value chain of different perishables, promoting R&D and quality assurance.

Ministry is also implementing a Central Sponsored Scheme - 'Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises' (PMFME), in partnership with the State/ UT Governments, under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan with the aim to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector.

Further, a Central Sector Scheme, namely "Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)" has been launched by the Ministry in the country to support creation of global food manufacturing champions commensurate with India's natural resource endowment and support Indian brands of food products in the international markets.

(c): As per Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) data for 2018-19, the total number of food processing industries in Assam were 1569 in registered sector, and as per National Sample Survey (NSS) 2015-16 report, there were 65,997 number of enterprises in unregistered sector in the state of Assam.

(d): One (1) Mega Food Park, six (6) Agro Processing Clusters, two (2) Integrated Cold Chain projects, eighteen (18) food processing units, one (1) Backward and Forward Linkages project and six (6) Food Testing Laboratories have been sanctioned by the Ministry in the state of Assam.
