

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 597
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ONION PROCESSING CLUSTER

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a small onion processing cluster to enable farmers to earn better income and attract buyers to buy and sell their produce transparently in Perambalur district which is one of the largest producer of small onions in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme- “Operation Greens” (OG) under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana since 2018-19, with the objective of enhancing the value realisation of farmers and minimizing post-harvest losses.

Under Operation Greens-Long Term Interventions Scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance @35% of eligible project cost for projects in General Areas and @50% of eligible project cost for projects in Difficult Areas as well as for projects of SC/ST, FPOs and SHGs with maximum grants-in-aid of ₹15 crore per project under Integrated Value Chain Development Projects and that of ₹10 crore per project under Standalone Post Harvest Infrastructure Projects.

For projects proposed to be set up under component “Standalone Post-Harvest Infrastructure Projects”, the sub-component “Primary post-harvest processing infrastructure facilities at farm level” should be in the identified production clusters and sub-component “Post-harvest processing infrastructure facilities” can be in the State of identified production clusters or adjacent districts of adjacent States.

Under Long Term Interventions of the Scheme, clusters for 22 crops including Onion are identified following a comprehensive analysis of production data published by Ministry of Agriculture for 2018-19 for fruits and vegetables, scope of processing and in consultation with stakeholders.

Identified Production cluster of Onion are as follows:

S. No	State	Production Cluster Area
1.	Maharashtra	Nasik, Ahmednagar, Jalgaon, Pune, Satara, Solapur
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Dewas, Indore, Ujjain, Khandwa
3.	Karnataka	Gadag, Dharwad
4.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar, Amreli
5.	Bihar	Nalanda

In view of the above details as of now there is no such proposal.
