

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2769
ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024

PACKAGED FOOD COMPANIES

† 2769. **SHRI GANESH SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to engage with leading packaged food companies to address concerns regarding ease of doing business, GST, imports, and other trade-related matters, if so, the details thereof along with the number of participated companies and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of the specific measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost the food processing industry, particularly in terms of increasing growth, exports, farmers' income, and creating employment opportunities;
- (c) the details of the total number of food parks, cold chain projects, and agro-processing clusters approved under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) along with the impact of these projects on rural development, especially in the regions like Jhalawar-Baran, Rajasthan; and
- (d) the details of the significant achievements under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI) along with their contribution to the growth of the sector?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been actively engaging with stakeholders across the food and allied sectors, including large, medium and small enterprises in the packaged food segment to identify and address challenges hindering the sector's growth. These deliberations aim to unlock the sector's full potential and enhance the ease of doing business. Stakeholder consultation meetings were held on 6th and 7th November, 2024 with industry representatives and associations. The list of participants in the said stakeholder consultations is attached at **ANNEXURE**.
- (b) MoFPI through implementation of various initiatives and schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI) aims for the overall development of food processing sector, including creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet, and to help in providing better returns to

farmers, creation of employment opportunities, reducing wastage, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods.

- (c) The details of the number of projects approved since inception of component schemes of Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure and Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) as on 31st October, 2024 are as follows:

Name of the component Scheme	Number of projects approved	Total project cost (₹ in crore)	Approved Grants-in-aid (₹ in crore)	Employment Generated
Mega Food Parks*	41	4631.13	1958.53	97491
Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure	399	11682.35	3009.71	239400
Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters	76	2460.41	658.83	77496

*: The Mega Food Parks scheme has been discontinued with effect from 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liabilities only.

The above components scheme of PMKSY are demand driven and aspiring beneficiary is required to apply and qualify to avail the benefits of the schemes as per the Guidelines. The incentives under these schemes are available to applicants, including those from Jhalawar-Baran region of Rajasthan, who meet the criteria outlined in the guidelines of each scheme. However, no projects have been approved in the Jhalawar and Baran Districts of Rajasthan under Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure and Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters.

- (d) PLISFPI was approved by the Union Cabinet on 31st March 2021 with a budget of ₹10,900 crore, to be implemented from 2021-22 to 2026-27. A total of 171 applicants have been enrolled under the scheme. As on date incentive amount to the tune of ₹1084.01 Crores in 85 eligible cases has been disbursed by the Government. Investment of ₹8910 Crores has so far been reported at 213 locations across the country. As per the data reported by the beneficiaries of the Scheme, 2,89,832 direct and indirect employment opportunities have been created after implementation of the scheme.

The scheme has significantly contributed to the country's overall growth and development by scaling up domestic manufacturing, enhancing value addition, boosting the domestic production of raw materials, and creating employment opportunities. The scheme supports large companies, millet-based products, innovative and organic products, as well as small and medium enterprises, while also promoting Indian brands globally.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2769 FOR ANSWER ON 12th DECEMBER, 2024 ON “PACKAGED FOOD COMPANIES”

The list of industry associations who attended the Stakeholder consultation meetings:

1. Confederation of Indian Industries
2. Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India
3. All India Food Processors Association
4. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
5. PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry
6. International Spirits and Wine Association of India
7. Indian Dairy Association
8. Plant Based Foods Industry Association
