GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2795 ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024

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2795. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:

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

- (a) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government for capacity building along with the number of beneficiaries under One District One Product (ODOP) initiative for coconut in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district;
- (b) whether the Government has identified any disruptions in the supply chain of coconut from Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema district;
- (c) if so, the details of the possible interventions recommended to bridge the gap;
- (d) whether any action report has been prepared for coconut from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any coconut/ coconut product has been identified from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district for export potential under District Export Hub initiative; and
- (f) if so, details regarding the District Export action plan of the said products?

ANSWER

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

(a). Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored- "Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country. The scheme is operational from 2020-21 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 Crore. 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. Coconut has been identified as One District One Product (ODOP) for the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district. Under Credit Linked Subsidy, 6 Loans have been sanctioned in ODOP for Coconut based products in the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district. Under Capacity Building component of PMFME Scheme, training is provided to the beneficiaries, Trainers (Master Trainers, District Level Trainers) and District Resource Persons (DRPs) on Food Processing Entrepreneurship Development Program. For the district of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema, 102 beneficiaries have been trained till 31st October 2024.

(b) & (c). No, Sir. However, Ministry is extending credit linked subsidy of 35% with maximum limit upto 10 lakhs to the interested individual/entity for upgradation of existing or setting up of new micro-food processing facility, in accordance with the guidelines of Centrally Sponsored- PMFME scheme since June, 2020. Establishment of Common Infrastructure projects by FPOs/ SHGs/ Cooperatives/ Govt. Entities; Seed Capital to SHG members; Marketing & Branding projects; and Capacity Building through training institutions are also supported as per the PMFME scheme guidelines. The scheme is operational from 2020-21 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 Crore.

(d). No, Sir.

(e) & (f). Yes, Sir. Coir & coir Products were identified as a product for export potential under District as Export Hub initiative by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and has been included in the Draft Export Action plan prepared by the District Industrial and Export Promotion Committee (DIEPC), Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district.