

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2968**  
ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**TRAINING TO WORKERS IN FPI**

**2968. SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data on employment generation in the food processing industry especially in rural areas during the last five years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated any skill development programs specifically aimed at providing training to workers in the food processing industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to offer financial or technical support to food processing units for adopting modern technologies?

**ANSWER**

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

(a). The total employment in the food processing sector for the last five years as per the reports of Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) are as below:

| Year              | 2018-19   | 2019-20   | 2020-21   | 2021-22   | 2022-23   |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Employment</b> | 20,05,286 | 20,32,625 | 20,36,874 | 20,68,048 | 22,96,654 |

However, rural/urban wise information on employment for food processing sector is not available in the ASI reports. Further, as per the reports of Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23, the total employment in food processing sector is 39,61,353 and 46,57,057 respectively wherein employment in rural area is 22,08,072 in 2021-22 and 26,44,434 in 2022-23.

(b). The Directorate General of Training, under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, is imparting vocational training in 166 National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF)-compliant courses, including 08 courses under Craftsmen Training Scheme in Food Industry Sector which cater to the need of food processing industry. A list of courses in Food Industry Sector under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) is at **ANNEXURE**.

(c). Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) provides credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs for setting up/upgradation of food processing/preservation infrastructure which, inter alia, includes cold storages to minimize post-harvest losses through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). The Ministry has launched Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises as well as setting up of new units. Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) is, inter alia, intended to support creation of global food manufacturing champions and support Indian brands of food products in international market.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2968 FOR ANSWER ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2024 ON “TRAINING TO WORKERS IN FPI”**

List of courses in Food Industry Sector under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) are as below:

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of the Trade</b>             | <b>Entry Qualification</b>   | <b>NSQF Level</b> | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Year Revision</b> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1              | Food and Beverages Service Assistant | Passed 10th class examination or its equivalent                              | 3                 | One year        | 2022                 |
| 2              | Food Beverage                        | Passed 10th Class examination with Science and Mathematics or its equivalent | 3                 | One year        | 2022                 |
| 3              | Food Production (General)            | Passed 10th class examination or its equivalent.                             | 3                 | One year        | 2022                 |
| 4              | Fruits and Vegetables Processing     | Passed 10th Class examination with Science and Mathematics or its equivalent | 3                 | One year        | 2022                 |
| 5              | Milk and Milk Product Technician     | Passed 10th class examination or its equivalent                              | 3                 | One year        | 2022                 |
| 6              | Agro Processing                      | Passed 10th Class examination or its equivalent                              | 3                 | One year        | 2022                 |
| 7              | Baker & Confectioner                 | Passed 10th class examination or its equivalent                              | 3                 | One year        | 2022                 |
| 8              | Catering & Hospitality Assistant     | Passed 10th class examination or its equivalent.                             | 3                 | One year        | 2022                 |

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