

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2413**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025

**FINANCIAL IMPACT OF EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ON PROCESSED  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

**2413. SHRI K SUDHAKARAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the financial impact of export restrictions on processed agricultural products including the recent export ban on broken rice and the expected losses to the food processing sector, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the status of cold storage infrastructure expansion projects, including the number of sanctioned/completed units under PMKSY;
- (c) whether the Government has identified bottlenecks in the Mega Food Parks Scheme including delays in private investment, land acquisition disputes and the steps taken to resolve them, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any new incentives have been introduced to increase value-added processing of perishable crops like tomatoes and onions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to integrate food processing clusters with major export hubs, including the number of operational food parks that have direct port connectivity?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has not conducted any such study to assess the financial impact of export restrictions on processed agricultural products including the recent ban on broken rice.

(b): As of 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, the MoFPI has approved a total of 554 cold storage infrastructure projects under the various scheme components of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) across various states in India. The details are given as below:

**Details of Cold Storage against completed projects Under PMKSY**

<b>Sub-schemes of PMKSY</b>	<b>Number of projects approved</b>	<b>Ongoing Projects</b>	<b>Completed Projects</b>	<b>No. of cold storage against completed projects</b>	<b>Capacity of Cold Storage against completed projects (MT)</b>
Operations Greens	44	37	7	14	24500
Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters	75	52	23	21	71200
Mega Food Parks	41	17	24	66	286100
Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure	394	108	286	477	1377500

Further, the details of number of units sanctioned/approved and completed/operational under PMKSY are as below:

**Details of Projects under different sub-schemes of PMKSY**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Sub-schemes of PMKSY</b>	<b>Approved Projects</b>	<b>Completed/Operational</b>
1	Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters	75	23
2	Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages	61	53
3	Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure	394	286
4	Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (Unit Scheme)	526	293
5	Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure	205	167
6	Mega Food Parks	41	24
7	Operation Greens	44	7
8	Human Resources and Institutions – Research & Development	236	225
9	Scheme for Human Resources and Institution - Skill Development	26	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1608</b>	<b>1103</b>

(c): Mega Food Park scheme was launched in 2008 to boost food processing in the country with an aim of establishing world-class infrastructure and common user facilities adopting cluster approach based on hub and spoke model. The scheme had requirement of at least 50 acres of land, which often is a deterrent in hilly and difficult areas. After taking into account

recommendations of many states Government & Working Group constituted under 12th FC, a new scheme of Agro Processing Cluster was launched under PMKSY to develop common infrastructure in relatively smaller geographical area of 10 acres. Accordingly, Mega Food Park scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2021 with committed liabilities for the approved projects.

**(d):** MoFPI is implementing “Operation Greens” under PMKSY to promote Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management for development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain since November 2018. Further, since 2021-22 the scope of Operation Greens Scheme originally applicable to tomato, onion and potatoes (TOP) crops was enlarged to 22 perishable crops.

In addition to this, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 31.03.2021 approved the Central Sector Scheme- “Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)” 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 with an outlay of Rs. 10,900 crores. The Scheme is being implemented over a six-year period from 2021-22 to 2026-27.

**(e):** In order to promote and ensure overall development in the food processing sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its Central Sector Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) Scheme, Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally Sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme across the country. These schemes aim to create modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet to give big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country thereby helping in providing better returns to farmers, creating huge employment opportunities, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods. Assistance is provided in the form of cold chain infrastructure including mobile pre-cooling vans and reefer trucks under various components of PMKSY including mega food parks which assist in integration of food processing clusters with export hubs.

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