

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2496
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH March, 2025

PLAN TO ESTABLISH INDUSTRIES IN LAKSHIPUR OF ASSAM

†2496. SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIDYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any objective/plan to establish industry in the Lakshipur region of Cachar district of Assam to spread the benefits of pineapple to the entire country, which is found in abundance in the region; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) does not setup any food processing Industries on its own. However, it incentivizes setting up of such industries through its Central Sector Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) Scheme, and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally sponsored Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme across the country including Lakhimpur and Cachar districts of Assam.

Ministry extends financial support to prospective entrepreneurs for setting up of different kinds of food processing industries including processing of pineapple, as per respective scheme guidelines. These schemes are not region specific but demand driven.

Under PMKSY, credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) is provided to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing industries with total outlay of Rs 5520 Cr for 15th Finance Commission Cycle. So far, MoFPI has sanctioned 1 Mega food Parks, 2 Cold Chain projects, 8 Agro-processing Clusters projects, 65 Food Processing Units, 1 Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages and 1 Operation Greens projects under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY in Assam State till 28th February, 2025.

Under PMFME scheme, financial, technical and business support is provided for setting up / upgradation of micro food processing enterprises. The scheme is operational for a period of upto 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs.10,000 Crore. A total of 2706 micro food processing enterprises have been approved for assistance under PMFME in Assam State till 28th February, 2025.

PLISFPI is, inter alia, intended to support creation of global food manufacturing champions and support Indian brands of food products in international market. The Scheme is operational for a period from 2021-22 to 2026-27 with an outlay of Rs. 10,900 crores. So far, 4 food processing companies have been approved for assistance under various categories of the PLISFPI scheme in Assam State till 28th February, 2025.
