

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3341
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025

STRENGTHENING OF FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING SECTOR

3341. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to expand and strengthen the food processing equipment manufacturing sector, if so, the details thereof, including proposed initiatives and incentives in this regard;
- (b) if not, the reasons for not prioritizing the expansion of this sector; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to attract investments for the local manufacturing of food processing equipments in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to promote and ensure overall development of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its Central Sector schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) Scheme, Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally Sponsored – Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme across the country. These schemes are not region or state specific but demand driven.

Under Research and Development (R&D) component of the PMKSY Scheme, MoFPI extends financial assistance as grant-in-aid to Private organizations/ universities/institutions, Public funded organizations and recognized R&D laboratories both in public and private sector to promote and undertake demand driven R&D work in food processing sector for product & process development, design and development of equipment, improved storage, shelf-life, packaging etc.

Under the PMFME Scheme, financial assistance is being provided to micro food processing enterprises for acquiring new technologies and upgrading equipment. In addition, handholding support is provided to eligible beneficiaries for project formulation, execution, access to credit, linkages to machine/equipment manufacturers, maintenance of hygiene & quality control etc.

(c): MoFPI is incentivizing establishment of such facilities through its schemes of PMKSY, PMFME and PLIS, which are demand driven in nature and implemented across the country. Apart from this, with the objective to boost investments and sourcing of Indian food products, MoFPI organized 3rd edition of a Mega Event, called “World Food India” during 19th to 22nd September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi to showcase domestic Industry and provide it with collaborative opportunities with international stakeholders. The event brought global food processing companies, innovators, supply chain stakeholders, equipment manufacturers, etc. on a collaborative platform and provide foreign companies with tie-up/ business opportunities with its Indian counterparts.
