

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 518
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ENTREPRENEURS PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES

518. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data on the percentage of micro food processing units that have successfully availed of the credit-linked subsidy under the relevant scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to increase its uptake and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of entrepreneurs who have participated in the training programme organised under the said scheme along with the metrics used to evaluate improvements in their skills and knowledge; and
- (d) the details of specific modern technologies adopted by the micro-enterprises under the scheme, including their impact on production processes, initiatives undertaken to enhance market linkages and branding and observed outcomes in terms of increased sales and market reach?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored- Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, about 49.79% loans have been sanctioned to micro food processing enterprises for the credit linked subsidy till 31st January 2025 as per the following details:

Sl. No.	Particulars	No. of online applications
1.	Sent to Banks	3,00,787
2.	Sanctioned by Banks	1,22,512
3.	Rejected by Banks	1,23,531
4.	Pending with Banks	54,744
5.	Applications processed by Banks (3,00,787 - 54,744)	2,46,043
6.	Percentage of loan sanctioned to applicants (1,22,512 / 2,46,043 x100)	49.79%

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has taken various initiatives / majors to increase its uptake and to create awareness among the various stakeholders and public at large through National & State level awareness campaigns such as Newspaper advertisements, Radio Jingles, Exhibitions & Expos, Fairs, Buyer-Seller Meets etc. since the inception of the scheme.

(c) Under PMFME Scheme, a total number of 92,677 beneficiaries have been trained as on 31st January 2025 as per the PMFME training portal updated by the respective States/UTs. The Capacity Building component of the Scheme envisages providing 24 Hours/ 3 Days, Food Processing EDP Training for, all applicants viz individuals and Groups (SHGs/ FPOs/ Cooperatives) recommended for availing credit linked subsidy by District Level Committee (DLC) and 8 hours/1 day training to SHG beneficiaries of Seed Capital engaged in micro food processing activities.

(d) Under the PMFME Scheme, financial support is being provided to micro food processing enterprises for setting up of new units and also for upgradation of existing food processing enterprises for adopting modern food processing technologies. The Capacity Building component of the PMFME Scheme envisages to provide Food Processing Entrepreneurship Development Programme Training to the new and existing micro-food processing individuals taking benefits under the scheme. Modern technologies used in the food processing sector are covered during the training session.

Under the Marketing & Branding component of PMFME Scheme, Grant upto 50% for Branding and Marketing to groups of FPOs/ SHGs/ Cooperatives or an SPV of micro food processing enterprises. The component provides support in areas such as packaging & branding, quality control, standardization, and food safety adherence for consumer retail sales providing benefit to the Self-help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), and Micro Enterprises engaged in the processing of food products but lack market access and are unable to compete with large market players. Moreover, under the common brand, the micro-enterprises also benefit from the Branding and Market linkages through handholding support in processing, packaging, supply chain and logistics, and marketing ensuring that the product is available at the retail sales channels.
