

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5475**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2025

**CHALLENGES IN STRENGTHENING THE FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR IN  
HINGOLI**

**5475. SHRI AASHTIKAR PATIL NAGESH BAPURAO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study or survey to assess the gaps and challenges in the food processing sector in Hingoli and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up food parks, processing hubs and value-addition centres in Hingoli to boost local food processing industries;
- (c) whether there is any ongoing or proposed cold storage and warehouse projects in Hingoli to reduce post-harvest losses and ensure better storage for perishable agricultural produce, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of financial assistance and subsidy programmes available for new entrepreneurs and small -scale food processing industries in Hingoli and the manner in which the Government is ensuring awareness about these schemes; and
- (e) the status of export promotion initiatives for processed food products from Hingoli along with the efforts made by the Government to connect local businesses with national and international markets?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has not conducted any study to assess the gaps and challenges in the food processing sector in the country including Hingoli.

**(b) to (d):** For overall development of food processing sector, MoFPI implements Central Sector umbrella scheme – Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) since 2016-17 across the country including the Hingoli district of Maharashtra. The components scheme under PMKSY are (i) Mega Food Parks (MFP scheme- discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2021), (ii) Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain scheme), (iii) Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (APC scheme), (iv) Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC scheme), (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (CBFL scheme- discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2021) and (vi) Operation Greens (OG scheme). The schemes are demand driven and proposals are invited by floating Expression of Interest from time to time based on availability of funds. Under these component schemes, MoFPI provides financial support in the form of grants-in-aid/ subsidy for setting up of food processing projects thereby creating both

processing and preservation infrastructure facilities including cold chain infrastructure. The facilities created under the component schemes help in preservation & processing of raw farm produce and transport of raw & finished products thereby reducing post-harvest losses of farm produce. As on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, one project under CEFPPC scheme in Hingoli is under implementation with project cost of Rs.19.96 crore.

MoFPI provides financial, technical and business support for setting up/ upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country under "Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. The support is provided for potential entrepreneurs for all the products including One District One Product (ODOP) products under PMFME Scheme across the country including Hingoli district. For the district of Hingoli, 184 loans have been sanctioned with approved subsidy of Rs. 12.05 crore under the scheme. MoFPI is taking various initiatives to promote and increase awareness & participation among beneficiaries through National & State level awareness campaigns such as Newspaper advertisement, Radio Jingles, Exhibitions & Expos, Millet Fairs, Buyer-Seller Meets etc. since the inception of the scheme.

**(e):** Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI) of MoFPI is intended, inter alia, to support creation of global food manufacturing champions and support Indian brands of food products in international market. Also, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) provides incentives to processed food exporters under its different schemes for Infrastructure, Quality, Market Development etc. These schemes are implemented across the country, including Hingoli.

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 invited global food processing companies, innovators, supply chain stakeholders, equipment manufacturers etc. on a collaborative platform and to provide foreign companies with tie-up/ business opportunities with its Indian counterparts

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