

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5508
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD APRIL, 2025

SETTING UP OF FOOD PROCESSING UNITS BY ENTREPRENEURS

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SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Central Government is planning to encourage entrepreneurs to set up of food processing units including a commitment to fast-track project approvals across the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to encourage entrepreneurs 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 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 1608 projects including 41 Mega food Parks, 394 Cold Chain projects, 75 Agro-processing Clusters projects, 526 Food Processing Units, 61 Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages and 44 Operation Greens projects under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY across the country 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 1,27,758 micro food processing enterprises have been approved for assistance under PMFME in the country 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, 171 proposals from 133 food processing companies have been approved for assistance under various categories of the PLISFPI scheme in the country till 28th February, 2025.

In order to facilitate transparency and expediting the project proposals under the Schemes PMKSY and PLISFPI, applications / proposals are invited by issuing Expression of Interests (EoIs) from time to time based on availability of funds, from all over the country. The proposals submitted by the applicants against EoI are evaluated based on the eligibility criteria mentioned in the extant applicable scheme guidelines. The projects are selected through the three tier appraisal system. After evaluation, based on merit, approvals are issued to the eligible proposals. For transparent and fast submission of applications, MoFPI has developed online portals for both the Schemes. Similarly, under PMFME also, applications are processed online on a Portal from the submission of applications till the release of financial assistance.
