

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 662**  
ANSWERED ON 06<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

**PACKAGING OF AGRO-BASED PRODUCTS**

**662. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to support the establishment of Food Processing Units, particularly for grading, grinding and packaging of agro-based products such as garlic, coriander, fenugreek, nigella seeds and chillies as well as to form Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) in the Jhalawar-Baran region in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to provide any grants for the development of Food Processing Units and FPOs in the said districts if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the market value of these products and improve farmer welfare?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) In order to promote food processing sector in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of food processing units and related infrastructure through its Central Sector Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally Sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. These schemes are not region or state specific but demand driven. Ministry extends financial support to prospective entrepreneurs for setting up of different kinds of food processing units including garlic, coriander, fenugreek, nigella seeds and chillies and other agro-based products as per respective scheme guidelines. The details of incentives available under these schemes is at **Annexure-I**. The organizations such as Central & State PSUs/ Joint Ventures/ Farmer Producers Organization (FPOs)/ NGOs/ Cooperatives/ SHG's/ Pvt. Ltd. Companies/ Individuals proprietorship firms etc. are eligible for availing financial support / incentive under these schemes. The details of financial support provided in the Jhalawar-Baran region in Rajasthan under PMFME Scheme is at **Annexure-II**. These schemes aim to create modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet and thereby helping in providing better returns to farmers, creating employment opportunities, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods.

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**Incentives available under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samapada Yojana (PMKSY)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Component Scheme</b>	<b>Scheme Benefits (Grant-in-aid) for projects in General Area</b>	<b>Scheme Benefits (Grant-in-aid) for projects in Difficult Areas as well as SC/ST, FPOs, SHGs</b>
1.	Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure	Grant-in-aid @ 35% of eligible project cost [subject to maximum of Rs.10 crores per project]	Grant-in-aid @ 50% of eligible project cost [subject to maximum of Rs. 10 crores per project]
2.	Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities	Grants-in-Aid @35% of eligible project cost [subject to maximum of Rs. 5 crores per project]	Grants-in-Aid @50% of eligible project cost [subject to maximum of Rs.5 crores per project]
3.	Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters	Grants-in-aid @35% of eligible project cost in General Area [subject to maximum of Rs. 10 crores per project]	Grants-in-aid @50% of eligible project [subject to max. of Rs. 10 crore per project]
4.	Operation Greens	Grants-in-Aid @35% of eligible project cost for Integrated Value Chain Development Projects, maximum grants-in-aid would be ₹15 crore per project; and for Standalone Post-Harvest Infrastructure Projects, maximum grants-in-aid would be ₹10 crore per project.	Grants-in-Aid maximum @50% of eligible project cost for Integrated Value Chain Development Projects, maximum grants-in-aid would be ₹15 crore per project; and for Standalone Post-Harvest Infrastructure Projects, maximum grants-in-aid would be ₹10 crore per project.
5.	Food Safety and Quality Assurance - Food Testing Laboratories	100% grants-in-aid for Govt. organizations  For Private organizations/entities: grant-in-aid of @ 50% of the eligible cost	For Private organizations/entities: grant-in-aid of @ 70% of the eligible cost

6.	Human Resource & Institutions- Research & Development	For Government Organizations - Grants @ 100% of equipment cost, consumables, For private organizations /universities/institutions, grant @ 50 % of equipment cost.	For Government Organizations - Grants @ 100% of equipment cost, consumables For Private Organizations /Universities/ Institutions, Grants @ 70% of equipment cost.
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**The details of assistance available to Micro Food Processing Enterprises under PMFME Scheme**

- (i). *Support to Individual / Group Category Micro Enterprises*: Credit-linked capital subsidy @35% of the eligible project cost, maximum ceiling Rs.10 lakh per unit;
- (ii). *Support to SHGs for seed capital*: Seed capital @ Rs. 40,000/- per member of SHG engaged in food processing for working capital and purchase of small tools subject to maximum of Rs. 4 lakh per SHG Federation.
- (iii). *Support for Common Infrastructure*: Credit linked capital subsidy @35% subject to maximum of Rs. 3 crore to support FPOs, SHGs, Cooperatives and any Government agency for setting up of common infrastructure. The common infrastructure will also be available for other units and public to utilize on hiring basis for substantial part of the capacity.
- (iv). *Branding and Marketing Support*: Grant upto 50% for Branding and Marketing to groups of FPOs/ SHGs/ Cooperatives or an SPV of micro food processing enterprises.
- (v). *Capacity Building*: The scheme envisages training for Entrepreneurship Development Skilling (EDP+): program modified to meet the requirement of food processing industry and product specific skilling.

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**Details of financial support provided in the Jhalawar-Baran region in Rajasthan under PMFME Scheme**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Status as on 31.01.2025</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Jhalawar District of Rajasthan</b>	
<b>(i).</b>	Number of loans sanctioned to applicants	Number: 10 Amount: Rs. 50 lakhs
<b>(ii).</b>	Seed capital sanctioned to SHG members	1510 SHG members approved for amount of Rs. 575 lakhs
<b>2.</b>	<b>Baran District of Rajasthan</b>	
<b>(i).</b>	Number of loans sanctioned to applicants	Number: 14 Amount: Rs. 74 lakhs
<b>(ii).</b>	Seed capital sanctioned to SHG members	52 SHG members approved for amount of Rs. 20.30 lakhs

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