

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1854
ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2025

**SPECIAL GRANT FOR SETTING UP OF FOOD PROCESSING UNITS IN
AMRITSAR**

1854. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the people living in the border villages of Amritsar rely almost entirely on agriculture with limited income sources and the younger generation is losing interest in farming due to lack of industrial opportunities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to provide a special grant or package for setting up of food processing units, cold chains and value-addition infrastructure in the border belt of Amritsar to boost agro-industrial employment and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether international airport and cargo terminal at Amritsar is likely to be integrated to support the export of processed goods from this region and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to prioritize Amritsar under central schemes like PMFME, Mega Food Parks or introduce a border-specific food export cluster to boost the rural economy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to create opportunities for youth of Border belt as the career sources are very less for them and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to boost and ensure overall development of Food Processing Industries including agro based industries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its two Central Sector Schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI). Further, a Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme is also being implemented by MoFPI. All these three schemes are implemented across the country including Amritsar district of Punjab and thereby creating off-farm employment opportunities & increasing the income of the farmers in Food Processing Sector.

Under PMKSY, MoFPI has approved three food processing projects with total project cost of Rs 51.63 crores and approved grant-in-aid of Rs 12.17 crores in Amritsar district of Punjab.

Under PMFME Scheme, MoFPI has sanctioned 34 proposals with a total subsidy of Rs 2.24 crores in Amritsar district of Punjab.

(c): The processed food products are being exported from Amritsar's international airport and cargo terminal (Air Cargo Complex). The details of the food products exported from Amritsar's international airport and cargo terminal (Air Cargo Complex) are at **Annexure**.

(d) & (e): As mentioned earlier, MoFPI is implementing PMFME scheme for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation/ setting up of micro food processing enterprises including Amritsar district of Punjab. Further, the Mega Food Parks Scheme, has been discontinued with effect from 01.04.2021.

The schemes implemented by MoFPI aim towards creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet which includes storage, transportation, etc., thereby help in providing better returns to farmers and creating huge employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, increasing the processing level, enhancing the export of the processed foods, which boosts rural economy and contribute in inclusive growth.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1854 FOR ANSWER ON 31ST JULY, 2025 REGARDING “SPECIAL GRANT FOR SETTING UP OF FOOD PROCESSING UNITS IN AMRITSAR”

Export of Agriculture & Processed Food Products from (Air Cargo Complex) Amritsar						
Products	Value In USD			Quantity In Kg		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Processed Vegetables	2,90,995	10,40,923	5,24,406	2,740	8,072	7,140
Fresh Mangoes	2,25,050	0	3,30,341	69,953	0	1,40,913
Other Fresh Vegetables	5,76,344	1,13,462	1,50,263	2,03,335	74,008	81,687
Miscellaneous Preparations	0	20,620	34,529	0	1,945	7,225
Herbal And Medicinal Plants	0	0	27,388	0	0	2,875
Basmati Rice	611	52	9,993	550	40	8,000
Other Fresh Fruits	49	136	9,927	51	150	8,893
Fruits & Vegetables Seeds	0	0	2,442	0	0	150
Cereal Preparations	0	0	160	0	0	36
Pulses	0	306	0	0	525	0
Dairy Products	0	375	0	0	140	0
Jaggery & Confectionery	856	3,525	0	414	604	0
Others (Betel Leaves & Nuts)	0	14,192	0	0	4,600	0
Total	10,93,905	11,93,591	10,89,449	2,77,043	90,084	2,56,919

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics
