

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1903
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**PROPOSAL TO HARNESS THE AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THANJAVUR
DELTA REGION**

1903. SHRI MURASOLI S:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to harness the agricultural potential of the Thanjavur delta region in Tamil Nadu through any Central Government schemes or institutions aimed at strengthening food processing, storage and value addition, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details and timelines of such proposed measures to enhance agricultural productivity, reduce post-harvest losses and promote export-oriented processing in the region; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the absence of such Central support in this agriculturally significant delta region?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): In view of its rich agricultural produce base, Thanjavur delta region in Tamil Nadu has potential to develop strong Food Processing Sector and Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) incentivizes entrepreneurs to establish related Industries in the state through its two Central Sector Schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI). MoFPI is also implementing a Centrally sponsored scheme namely PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme.

These schemes aim towards creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet which includes storage, transportation, value addition etc., thereby help in reducing wastage of agricultural produce, reduction in post harvest losses, enhancing productivity, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods.

So far, MoFPI has sanctioned 105 projects with approved grant in aid of Rs 487.85 crores under corresponding component schemes of PMKSY in the State of Tamil Nadu till 31.10.2025.

A total of 17,210 micro food processing enterprises have been approved with subsidy of Rs 387.06 crores for assistance under PMFME in the State of Tamil Nadu till 31.10.2025.

So far, Food processing projects at 20 locations with committed investments of Rs 445.23 crores have been approved for assistance under various categories of the PLISFPI scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu till 31.10.2025.

National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), an Institute of National Importance (INI), located in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, is functioning under the administrative control of MoFPI to provide handholding support, mentorship, training, access to facilities such as Pilot Plant, NABL-accredited Food Testing Labs, incubation services, quality testing, R&D support, networking opportunities, etc. to the food processing sector.
