

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3102**  
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**SOYABEAN AGRO PROCESSING CLUSTER IN NANDED**

**3102. SHRI CHAVAN RAVINDRA VASANTRAO:**

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

- (a) the total number of clusters approved and operationalised under the Agro Processing Cluster Scheme in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the manner in which the said scheme would be helpful in increasing the income of farmers;
- (c) whether the Nanded district of Maharashtra is rich in potential soyabean production in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to establish a soyabean Agro Processing Cluster in Nanded, Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the time by which the said cluster is likely to be established and if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken or being taken by the Government for the benefit of farmers of Nanded, Maharashtra to provide appropriate market for their produce?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (APC), a component scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) for development of modern infrastructure to encourage entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach in the country since 2017. As on date, Ministry has approved 5 agro processing clusters in the State of Maharashtra under the scheme. All 5 APCs are operationalised.

**(b):** The scheme aims at development of modern infrastructure and common facilities to encourage group of entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach by linking groups of producers/ farmers to the processors and markets through well-equipped supply chain with modern infrastructure. With Creation of Food Processing Infrastructure, the demand for farm produce which is raw material for food processing industries increases leading to better prices to farmers and increasing farm gate profitability.

**(c):** Yes, Nanded district of Maharashtra is rich in soyabean production. The area, production and yield of soybean in Nanded District of Maharashtra during the year 2025-26 are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Area (lakh ha)</b>	<b>Production (lakh tonnes)</b>	<b>Yield (kg/ha)</b>
2025-26*	4.56	6.15	1350

\* As per 1<sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates of area, production, productivity-State Government of Maharashtra

**(d) & (e):** The APC scheme is not state/district/crop specific. Ministry does not set up any Agro Processing Clusters on its own. Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (APC) is a demand driven scheme under which applications are invited online from the potential investors / entrepreneurs against Expression of Interest (Eoi) issued by the Ministry from time to time.

**(f):** The Government of India has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) to boost the domestic oilseeds production and to strive towards self-reliance in edible oils. The mission aims to enhance the production of primary oilseed crops, including soybean and to increase collection, extraction, and recovery efficiency from secondary sources such as cottonseed, rice bran, corn oil, and tree-borne oils.

The mission is being implemented across 29 States/UTs, including Maharashtra and follows a cluster-based approach with market linkages. The Value Chain Clusters are managed by Value Chain Partners such as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), cooperatives, and other implementing agencies. Under these clusters, farmers are provided free high-quality seeds for an area of up to one hectare per farmer, along with training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs). Moreover, procurement from farmers is also ensured at Minimum Support Price (MSP) through Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA).

In addition, the mission also supports the establishment and upgradation of post-harvest infrastructure, including oil mills, to improve oil recovery from both primary and secondary sources. This support aims to strengthen post-harvest infrastructure, promote value addition, enhance market access, and ensure remunerative prices for farmers' oilseed produce.

Further, Government also fixes (MSP) for oilseeds crops including soybean every year in line with the principle of providing 1.5 times return over all India weighted average cost of production, details of MSP fixed for Soybean Yellow during 2022-23 to 2025-26 are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>MSP (Rs. per quintal)</b>
2022-23	4300
2023-24	4600
2024-25	4892
2025-26	5328

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