

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 696
ANSWERED ON 04TH DECEMBER, 2025

FPO EMPOWERMENT SCHEME

†696. SHRI MANISH JAISWAL:

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

- (a) the steps taken across the country for the Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) Empowerment Scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY);
- (b) whether any provisions have been made by the Government to provide special grants for processing, packaging, cold storage and marketing to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) operating in Jharkhand particularly in Hazaribagh and Koderma districts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to develop these FPOs as the Mini Agro Hubs under the said Yojana; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) is a central sector demand driven scheme and applications are invited from all eligible applicants including Farmers Producing Organisation (FPOs) through Expression of Interest (EoI) from all over India including Hazaribagh and Koderma districts in Jharkhand. The funds are not allocated/sanctioned/released state-wise under any of the component schemes of PMKSY. Special benefits in financial assistance provided to FPO category applicants are as under:

- i. Grants-in-aid in form of subsidy @ 50% of eligible project cost as compared to 35% in general areas/ categories and in case of Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure scheme the subsidy/grant-in-aid is @70% as compared to 50% in General areas/ categories;
- ii. Lower Equity Contribution – 10% required as against 20% for others;
- iii. Lower minimum credit/loan requirement – 10% required as against 20% for others;
- iv. Lower Net-worth requirement i.e. equal to grant-in-aid sought, in comparison to 1.5 times for General Category applicant.

(d) and (e) No such proposal is under consideration as on date.
