

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: †821
ANSWERED ON 04TH DECEMBER, 2025

CULTIVATION OF BANANA IN BAHRAICH

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

- a) whether the Government has any scheme for the establishment and promotion of processing units for products derived from banana plants and banana fruit in Bahraich Lok Sabha Constituency keeping in view the fact that it has large-scale banana cultivation but producers do not receive fair value in absence of any related processing unit and if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- b) whether the Government would consider any scheme for establishing such processing units so that farmers of the region may obtain fair prices and new employment opportunities may also be generated and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

a) & (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a central sector umbrella scheme called “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)” since 2017-18 across the country. Under Operation Greens component of PMKSY scheme, the Ministry is providing financial assistance at the rate of 35% of the eligible project cost for projects in General Areas, and 50% for projects in Difficult Areas, as well as for projects involving SC/ST, FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations), and SHGs (Self-Help Groups) for value chain development of 10 fruit crops, 11 vegetable crops and shrimp in the identified production clusters. The production clusters for these crops are identified based on the horticultural production data provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in consultation with the Horticulture Departments of the respective states. Based on these criteria, the Ministry has identified 8 Banana clusters spread across 23 districts in 5 states in the country. The details of these production clusters are at **Annexure**. Out of these, Gorakhpur, Kushi Nagar, Maharajganj, Fatehpur and Kaushambi districts have been identified as production clusters for Banana in Uttar Pradesh.

Further, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up any food processing industry on its own, but to encourage the growth of the food processing sector, the Ministry is implementing various schemes for development of food processing infrastructure and setting up of food processing units through various component schemes of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). The schemes are demand driven and proposals under the schemes are invited through Expression of Interest (EOI). The Proposals are scrutinised as per provisions of scheme guidelines and eligible applications are approved for financial assistance. So far, the Ministry has not sanctioned any project for Banana processing in these clusters in Uttar Pradesh under Operation Greens scheme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †821 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025 REGARDING ‘CULTIVATION OF BANANA IN BAHRAICH’

Production Clusters for Banana under Operation Greens Scheme

S. No.	State	Production Cluster
1	Andhra Pradesh	Cluster-1- Kadapa, Anantapur
		Cluster-2-East Godawari, West Godawari, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram
2	Gujrat	Cluster-1-Bharuch, Anand, Narmada, Surat, Chhotaudepur, Vadodara,
3	Maharashtra	Cluster-1-Jalgaon
4	Tamil Nadu	Cluster-1- Erode, Coimbatore
		Cluster-2-Tuticorin, Theni, Madurai
5	Uttar Pradesh	Cluster-1-Gorakhpur, Kushi Nagar, Maharajganj
		Cluster-2- Fatehpur, Kaushambi