

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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STRENGTHENING OF RURAL FOOD SUPPLY-CHAIN INFRASTRUCTURE

919. SHRI SUKHDEO BHAGAT:

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

- (a): whether the Government is aware of the major gaps in rural food supply-chain infrastructure, including grading centres, packing units, controlled-atmosphere storage facilities, reefer vans and food-testing laboratories, as highlighted in the Annual Report 2024-25 and if so, the reasons for the low level of public investment in these critical areas;
- (b): whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the public investment required to bridge these infrastructural gaps and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the roadmap and timelines formulated by the Government to address these deficiencies and to strengthen rural food supply-chain infrastructure across the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): In order to address gaps in food supply-chain infrastructure and ensure overall development of Food Processing Sector, 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). 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 providing better returns to farmers, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, reduction in post harvest losses, enhancing productivity and increasing the processing level.

MoFPI schemes are demand driven and most of the projects approved under the schemes are in rural areas, thereby promoting public investment in rural areas to bridge these infrastructural gaps. MoFPI does not set up food processing units on its own. However, it provides financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to eligible entrepreneurs for establishing related infrastructure, through its schemes as per related scheme guidelines.

The total approved outlay for these three schemes are as under:

Name of the Scheme	Implementation period	Total Outlay (Rupees in Crores)
PMKSY	2021-2026	6520
PLISFPI	2021-2027	10900
PMFME	2020-2026	10000
