

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *18
ANSWERED ON 29TH JANUARY, 2026

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FOOD PROCESSING UNITS IN SHIRUR

***18. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:**

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

- (a) the total financial assistance and technical support provided to Food Processing Units and agri-businesses in the Shirur Lok Sabha Constituency of Maharashtra during the last five years;
- (b) the number of jobs created by the food processing sector in the said region and the measures being taken to encourage further investment therein;
- (c) the details of any new schemes or policies being framed by the Government to promote processing of agricultural produce and to reduce post-harvest losses; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to establish food parks and special economic zones for the food processing sector in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *18 FOR ANSWER ON 29TH JANUARY, 2026 REGARDING “FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FOOD PROCESSING UNITS IN SHIRUR”

(a) : Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has approved 4 food processing units with approved grants in aid of Rs 30.46 crores under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), 8 projects with committed investment of Rs 165.88 crores under Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and 1386 micro food processing units with subsidy of Rs 76.69 crores under PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme during the last 5 years in the Pune district of Maharashtra.

Further, PMFME scheme also provides handhold support for formalization and operationalization of the micro food processing enterprises.

(b) & (c): MoFPI provides subsidy/incentives to the eligible applicants through the schemes implemented and thereby creating off-farm employment opportunities in Food Processing Sector. As on 31st December, 2025, 10397 direct/ indirect employment opportunities have been generated from the operational projects under component schemes of PMKSY, 4158 direct and indirect employment opportunities has been generated under PMFME scheme and 7355 direct/ indirect employment opportunities has been generated under PLISFPI in the Pune district of Maharashtra.

In order to boost and ensure overall development of Food Processing Industries, MoFPI has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its two Central Sector Schemes namely PMKSY and PLISFPI. Further, a Centrally sponsored PMFME scheme is also being implemented by MoFPI. All the three schemes are implemented across the country including Shirur Lok Sabha Constituency of Maharashtra.

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.

(d): Schemes implemented by MoFPI are not region specific but demand driven and MoFPI does not establish 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. Mega Food Park and Creation of Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters (APC) components of PMKSY are aimed at development of such Industries in clusters. The Mega Food Park Scheme has been discontinued by the Ministry since 01.04.2021. So far, MoFPI has approved 3 Mega Food Parks and 13 APC in Maharashtra.
