

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *393
ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2026

DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES

***393. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:**

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

- (a) the reasons for the farmers not being able to get fair prices for their produce and a large quantities of fruits, vegetables and other agricultural produce being wasted due to lack of processing facilities despite announcement of numerous schemes and substantial Budgetary allocations to promote the food processing sector in the country;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and actually spent for development of the food processing sector during the last five years, year-wise including the number of processing units established, the number of farmers associated therewith and the employment opportunities generated therefrom;
- (c) whether complaints regarding delays in execution, incomplete projects and according unfair benefits to private companies have been reported in mega food facilities parks, cold storage facilities and other value addition projects;
- (d) if so, the details of the investigations carried out by the Government along with the findings thereof; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken by the Government to provide fair prices to farmers for their produce, strengthen food processing infrastructure and to ensure transparency and accountability in the said sector?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. †*393 FOR ANSWER ON 19TH MARCH, 2026 REGARDING “DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES”

(a) & (b) : In order to promote 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) and a Centrally sponsored scheme namely PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme across the country.

These schemes aim towards creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet which includes storage, transportation, creation of market linkages etc., thereby help in reducing post-harvest losses and facilitating enhance farmer incomes and creating off-farm employment opportunities.

Year-wise total allocation & funds utilized under PMKSY, PLISFPI & PMFME from 2020-21 to 2024-25 across the country are given at **Annexure-I**. The details of the number of projects operational, the number of farmers benefitted and the number of direct/indirect employment generated from 2020-21 to 2024-25 across the country are given at **Annexure-II**.

(c) & (d): MoFPI has not received any specific complaint regarding delays in execution, incomplete projects and according unfair benefits to private companies.

(e). In order to ensure fair prices to farmers for their produce, every year, Government intervenes through fixing Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops, based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned.

For strengthening food processing infrastructure in the country, MoFPI is implementing three schemes namely, PMKSY, PLISFPI and PMFME.

Under PMKSY, financial assistance is provided to the eligible applicants selected on the basis of Expression of Interest (EoI) issued from time to time. Selection of suitable proposals is done as per the Scheme guidelines, based on the merit, through dedicated portal and transparent appraisal process as per the predefined criteria. The selection process involves appraisal & scrutiny of proposals at multiple levels, and grants to assisted projects is disbursed immediately after achieving prescribed benchmarks within budgetary constraints.

Under the PMFME scheme, a robust institutional mechanism has been put in place at National, State and District levels for transparent implementation. At the national level, Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee (IMEC) has been constituted as a policy making body to give overall direction, guidance for implementation of the scheme and monitor & review its progress and performance. Further, all the States/ UTs have appointed State Nodal Agencies (SNAs), constituted State Level Approval Committees (SLACs) & District Level Committees (DLCs) for implementation of the scheme. Online portal has also been developed for submission of applications, approval and release of subsidy under the scheme.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA
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**Details of funds allocated and funds utilized in PMKSY & PLISFPI & PMFME
schemes of MoFPI**

(Rs in Crores)

<u>Scheme</u>	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
	R.E.	A.E.	R.E.	A.E.	R.E.	A.E.	R.E.	A.E.	R.E.	A.E.
PMKSY	750.00	667.05	791	713.49	673.00	561.92	745	666.20	630	540.12
PLISFPI	Scheme started in 2021-22		10	9.27	801	489.83	1150	590.50	700	450.49
PMFME	400	394.59	399	326.46	290	274.76	800	778.84	1200	1023.10

R.E.—Revised Estimates, A.E.- Actual Expenditure

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(i) PMKSY- The details are as under-

Year	No of projects operational	Number of farmers benefitted	Number of direct/ indirect employment generated
2020-21	107	603562	115869
2021-22	153	358365	135054
2022-23	115	223355	88599
2023-24	85	223861	70253
2024-25	69	124744	46999

(ii) PMFME- The details are as under-

Year	No of Micro food enterprises sanctioned	Number of direct/ indirect employment generated
2020-21	0	0
2021-22	3,218	9,654
2022-23	28,492	85,476
2023-24	54,594	1,63,782
2024-25	50,875	1,52,625

(iii) PLISFPI- MoFPI has approved 168 applicants at 275 locations of the country under various categories of the scheme and all are operational. So far, 3.29 lakh direct/ indirect employment has been generated under the scheme.
