

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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ADOPTION OF MODERN PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES

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

- (a) whether the Government is promoting the adoption of modern processing technologies, food safety standards and quality certification among micro and small food processing units across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of support being provided for technology upgradation, training, branding and compliance with national and international food standards;
- (c) whether any digital or institutional mechanisms have been introduced to assist small processors in improving traceability, packaging and market access and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which these interventions are expected to strengthen rural entrepreneurship, enhance farmer incomes and improve the competitiveness of India's food processing sector?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): In order to promote adoption of modern processing technology in Food Processing Sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) extends Grant-in-Aid to educational and research institutions including Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) recognized Research and Development (R&D) units in private sector for related demand driven R&D projects through its R&D scheme under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY). As on 31st December, 2025, 257 research projects have been approved with an approved subsidy of Rs. 102.47 crore. In addition, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) Kundli and NIFTEM, Thanjavur, under administrative control of MoFPI, are also engaged in R&D activities in the sector.

Under Capacity building component of the PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme, MoFPI provide Grants for training of Trainers (Master Trainers, District Level Trainers), District Resource Persons, Food Processing Entrepreneurs and various other groups (SHGs/ FPOs/ Cooperatives). Further, trainings in FSSAI regulations, safety and hygiene practices, food quality testing norms etc. is provided to ensure the outreach of food safety and hygiene practices to all micro food enterprises. Grants upto 50% for branding and marketing support to groups of FPOs/ SHGs/ Cooperatives or Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of Micro Food Processing Enterprises is available under related component of PMFME Scheme. Under Branding and Marketing component of the PMFME

scheme, support is provided to FPOs/SHGs/Cooperatives or an SPV of micro food processing for developing a common packaging & branding with provision for quality control, standardization, and adhering to food safety parameters for consumer retail sale. The projects approved under the schemes implemented by MoFPI are required to comply with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) regulations.

MoFPI also supports branding and marketing activities abroad like in-store branding, shelf space renting and marketing to incentivise emergence of strong Indian brands through its Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI). A company is eligible for financial incentives @ 50% of expenditure incurred on Branding & Marketing abroad subject to a maximum of 3% of Sales of food products or Rs 50 crore per year, whichever is less. The minimum expenditure should be Rs. 5 crore over a period of five years.

Schemes are demand driven in nature and applications are invited online to fast track the processing of applications and approval of the projects, as per respective scheme guidelines.

MoFPI through its schemes, aims towards increasing preservation and processing capacities, developing value-added products, bringing innovative technologies, enhancing productivity & efficiency in food processing, fostering entrepreneurship, providing better returns to farmers and improve competitiveness in the food processing sector.
