

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 219
ANSWERED ON 29TH JANUARY, 2026

**DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE IN BUDAUN
DISTRICT, UTTAR PRADESH**

219. SHRI ADITYA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that while India's food processing industry has grown to USD 389 billion in 2025, as per the Rubix report, with an annual growth rate of 12.5 per cent and contributes significantly to the agricultural economy, districts such as Budaun in Uttar Pradesh continue to suffer from inadequate food processing infrastructure, thereby limiting the full utilisation of local agricultural produce and adversely affecting farmers' income and employment generation;
- (b) if so, the details of initiatives taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to set up food parks and cold chain facilities in the said district along with financial and technical assistance provided to MSMEs to promote agro-based industries and ensure better market availability; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Food Processing Industries sector emerged as an important segment of the Indian economy in terms of its contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), employment and exports. During the last nine years ending 2023-24, the sector has been growing at an Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) of around 6.55%. Gross Value Added (GVA) in FP sector has also increased from Rs. 1.30 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 2.24 lakh crore in 2023-24 as per the 1st Revised Estimates released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Further, in order to promote and ensure overall development of food processing sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing for setting up of related industries through its two Central Sector Scheme viz. Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and a Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME). These schemes are not region or state specific but demand driven and being implemented across the country including Budaun district of Uttar Pradesh.

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, enhancing productivity and creating off-farm employment opportunities.

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.

MoFPI has approved 1 cold chain project with approved grants in aid of Rs 9.74 crores under PMKSY and 84 micro food processing units with subsidy of Rs 2.93 crores under PMFME scheme in the Budaun district of Uttar Pradesh.
