

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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GARLIC AND POTATO-BASED PROCESSING UNITS

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

- (a) the current status of proposals for garlic and potato-based processing units in Mainpuri;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised under Central schemes for the said purpose;
- (c) whether any convergence policy has been implemented to link locally trained youth with agro-processing industries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time-bound action plan of the Government to link agricultural production with local employment generation in Mainpuri?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to promote and ensure overall development of Food Processing Industries including processing of garlic and potato based units, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/ expansion of related infrastructure, 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) Scheme. These schemes are not region or state specific but demand driven and are implemented across the country including Mainpuri district of Uttar Pradesh.

Under PMFME Scheme, loans for 22 micro food processing enterprises engaged in garlic processing have been sanctioned in Mainpuri district, as on 31st December 2025.

(c) & (d): In order to promote local industries, One District One Product (ODOP) approach under PMFME Scheme has been adopted to reap the benefit of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of products. It provides the framework for value chain development and alignment of support infrastructure. Under PMFME Scheme, ODOP products for all the 75 districts of the Uttar Pradesh has been identified including garlic in Mainpuri district.

Under the Capacity Building component of the PMFME Scheme, MoFPI provides assistance for training of Trainers, District Resource Persons, Entrepreneurs and various other groups for Entrepreneurship Development Skilling (EDP+) & product specific skilling to entrepreneurs including women entrepreneurs, to meet the requirement of food processing

industry. The scheme also envisages strengthening backward and forward linkages, provision of common facilities, incubation centres, training, marketing & branding.

MoFPI, through its two autonomous Institutions namely, National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management, Kundli, Haryana (NIFTEM-K) & National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (NIFTEM-T), also provide handholding support, mentorship, training, access to facilities such as Pilot Plant, NABL-accredited Food Testing Labs, incubation services, quality testing, R&D support, networking opportunities etc to entrepreneurs.

MoFPI, through its schemes, provides grant-in-aid/incentives to the eligible entities all over the country, including Mainpuri district of Uttar Pradesh and thereby creating off-farm employment opportunities.
