

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4494
ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2026

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

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

- (a) the extent to which food processing units have helped to increase farmers' income;
- (b) the steps taken by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for quality control;
- (c) whether there is a possibility of creating new job opportunities in the food processing sector, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the status of the food parks sanctioned in Kerala?

ANSWER

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

(a): In order to promote and ensure overall development of Food Processing Industries, 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.

All these schemes are implemented across the country and 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 farmers income.

(b): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is mandated to lay down science-based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale, and import to ensure the availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption. Towards achieving the same, FSSAI has established a network of 252 food testing laboratories for analysis of food samples and 24 Referral Food Laboratories for the analysis of appellate samples by empaneling food testing laboratories of various govt institutes, states and of private entities. Apart from this, there are 305 mobile food testing laboratories or Food Safety On Wheels (FSW) to combat adulteration in various food commodities, currently, deployed across 35 States/UTs.

(c): MoFPI provided financial assistance to the entrepreneurs under its three schemes viz. PMKSY, PLISFPI & PMFME and thereby creating off-farm employment opportunities across the country. As on 31.12.2025, 4.69 lakh direct/ indirect employment opportunities have been generated from the operational projects under component schemes of PMKSY, 5.18 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities have been generated under PMFME scheme and 3.29 lakh direct/ indirect employment opportunities has been generated under PLISFPI across the country.

(d): MoFPI has approved 2 Mega Food Parks and 2 Agro Processing clusters (Mini Food Parks) under component schemes of PMKSY in the state of Kerala. Details are placed at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4494 FOR ANSWER ON 19TH MARCH, 2026 REGARDING “JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR”

Mega Food Parks and Agro Processing clusters (Mini Food Parks) approved for assistance in Kerala under component schemes of PMKSY

(Rs in Cr)

Project Name	District	Date of Approval	Project Cost	Approved Grant-in-aid	Released Grant-in-aid	Status
Component Scheme-Mega Food Park						
Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation	Palakkad	27.11.2015	105.39	50	50	Operational
Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd	Alappuzha	27.11.2015	129.15	50	37.80	Operational
Component Scheme-Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters Scheme						
Chendayad Granites Private Limited	Wayanad	03.10.2019	29.5	9.97	9.65	Operational
Synthite Industries Private Limited	Ernakulam	30.04.2020	42.22	9.05	8.37	Operational
