

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 931**  
ANSWERED ON 05<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

**INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR**

**931. SHRI MALAIYARASAN D:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to improve infrastructure facilities such as cold storage, integrated supply chains, and food processing units across the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu including Kallakurichi constituency, along with the number of sanctioned, ongoing and completed projects under major schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana, Mega Food Parks and Cold Chain components;
- (b) the initiatives undertaken by the Government to promote diversification within the food processing sector, including the encouragement of indigenous, traditional, and region-specific food products, with particular reference of Tamil Nadu's agro-climatic potential;
- (c) whether the Government proposes any specific plans to enhance the competitiveness of Indian food products in international markets and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to strengthen export-oriented infrastructure, quality testing facilities and logistics; and
- (d) whether any such initiatives are proposed for Tamil Nadu and the Kallakurichi region and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing Central Sector Umbrella Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna (PMKSY)" to create post-harvest infrastructure and processing facilities to boost the overall development of the food processing sector and reduction in post-harvest losses all over the country including Kallakurichi constituency in Tamil Nadu. The component schemes under PMKSY provide financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid/subsidy to eligible organisation/entities for setting up of food processing and preservation infrastructure including creation of modern infrastructure with integrated supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet, which inter-alia, includes cold storages for captive use to minimize post-harvest losses.

As on 31.12.2025, 1607 number of projects have been approved under various component schemes of PMKSY. Out of which, 1196 projects have been completed/operationalised and remaining 411 projects are at various stages of implementation, details of which are as under:

<b>No of projects sanctioned, completed and on-going under PMKSY component schemes</b>				
<b>Sr.No.</b>	<b>Component Scheme Name</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>On-going</b>
1	Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters	66	23	43
2	Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities	509	349	160
3	Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure	402	301	101
4	Scheme for Food Safety and Quality Assurance infrastructure	205	173	32
5	Operation Greens	41	20	21
6	Human Resource and Institution – Research & Development	257	227	30
7	Scheme for Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages <b>(discontinued w.e.f 01.04.2021)</b>	60	53	7
8	Mega Food Park <b>(discontinued w.e.f 01.04.2021)</b>	41	25	16
9	Human Resource and Institution – Skill Development <b>(discontinued w.e.f 01.04.2021)</b>	26	25	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1607</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>411</b>

In the state of Tamil Nadu, 155 projects have been approved under PMKSY. Out of which, 113 projects have been completed/operationalised and remaining 42 projects are at various stages of implementation.

**(b):** PMKSY is a central sector demand driven scheme and applications are invited through Expression of Interest (EoI) from all over India including Tamil Nadu. The funds are not allocated/sanctioned/released State-wise under any of the component schemes of PMKSY. Merit based approvals are given to the eligible proposals based on availability of funds. Through these projects, PMKSY promotes product diversification, reduction in post-harvest losses, enhancement of value addition for food products including indigenous, traditional and region-specific food products in the country including Tamil Nadu.

Further, MOFPI is implementing a centrally sponsored PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme to provide financial, technical and business support for setting up/upgradation of 2 lakh micro food processing enterprises in 36 States/Union Territories (UTs) of the country. The Scheme adopts One District One Product (ODOP) approach to reap the benefit of scale in procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of local and indigenous food products. The ODOPs are either perishable agri produce, cereal-based products or food products widely produced in a district and their allied sectors.

The list of ODOPs in Tamil Nadu selected for assistance under PMFME is placed at **Annexure**.

**(c) and (d):** The Government has undertaken several initiatives to enhance the competitiveness of Indian food products in international markets. Under PMKSY, financial assistance is provided to eligible organisations/entities from all over the country including Kallakurichi constituency in Tamil Nadu, for setting up and upgradation of food processing projects

including export-oriented food processing units, Integrated Cold Chain and value addition Infrastructure, Food Testing Laboratories related infrastructure and Research & Development projects which help in the improvement of shelf life and quality of food products for export. The Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQAI) component of PMKSY supports establishment and upgradation of food testing laboratories to ensure compliance with domestic and international food safety and quality standards and thereby help the exporters in meeting quality parameters of importing countries.

Further, MOFPI is implementing a Central Sector “Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI). Under the Branding and Marketing component of this scheme, Ministry provides 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) to promote Indian food brands abroad, supporting branding and marketing activities for Indian-branded consumer food products in global markets.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 931 ON THE SUBJECT INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR DUE FOR ANSWER ON 05.02.2026**

<b>The ODOPs in Tamil Nadu selected for assistance under PMFME</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>ODOP</b>
1	Ariyalur	Cashew based Products
2	Chengalpattu	Fishery Products
3	Chennai	Bakery Products
4	Coimbatore	Coconut Products
5	Cuddalore	Cashew based Products
6	Dharmapuri	Millet Products
7	Dindigul	Animal feed
8	Erode	Turmeric based products
9	Kallakurichi	Edible Oils (Groundnut) based Products
10	Kancheepuram	Edible Oils (Groundnut) based Products
11	Kanyakumari	Fishery Products
12	Karur	Moringa Products
13	Krishnagiri	Mango Products
14	Madurai	Dhal Products
15	Nagappattinam	Fishery Products
16	Namakkal	Poultry Feeds products
17	Perambalur	Animal Feed
18	Pudukkottai	Groundnut based products
19	Ramanathapuram	Fishery Products
20	Ranipet	Edible Oils (Groundnut)
21	Salem	Tapioca Products
22	Sivagangai	Coconut Products
23	Tenkasi	Lemon based Products
24	Thanjavur	Coconut Products
25	The Nilgiris	Vegetable based Products
26	Theni	Banana based products
27	Thiruvallur	Dhal Products
28	Thoothukudi	Palm Products
29	Tirunelveli	Banana based Products
30	Tiruppathur	Groundnut based Products
31	Tiruppur	Poultry Feed Products
32	Tiruvannamalai	Groundnut based products
33	Tiruvarur	Dhal Products
34	Trichy	Banana based products
35	Vellore	Milk based Products
36	Villupuram	Edible Oils (Groundnut) based Products
37	Virudhunagar	Millet Products
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37</b>