

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 813

ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY 2026

AGRO PROCESSING CLUSTERS IN UTTAR PRADESH

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SHRI LALJI VERMA:

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SHRI NEERAJ MAURYA:

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

- (a) whether a number of approved 'Agro Processing Clusters' in Uttar Pradesh particularly Etah and Kasganj have been limited to function only as 'cold storage' units and processing work therein has not started yet in the absence of technical experts, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the cold chain operations have turned expensive due to erratic power supply in several areas of Uttar Pradesh including the eastern and Bundelkhand regions, Etah and Kasganj forcing small farmers to sell their produce at throwaway prices instead of being able to properly and safely store the same, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the local entrepreneurs in Uttar Pradesh including Etah and Kasganj are facing huge bureaucratic hurdles and complex paperwork in getting 'bank loans' for setting up Agro Processing Units despite a nationally allocated budget of Rs. 6,520 crore, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of 'Agro Clusters' that have been physically created but are currently not operational with any farmer group or startup?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (APC), a component scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) since 2017. The scheme aims to develop modern infrastructure with certain capital-intensive facilities like cold storages, blast freezers, specialized packaging, IQF, warehousing etc., for encouraging entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on the cluster approach. The APC is demand driven scheme not State/district specific. Further, there is no provision for setting up of standalone cold storage under the APC scheme. As on date, there is no project approved in Etah and Kasganj districts in the State of Uttar Pradesh under APC scheme. However, Ministry has approved two agro processing clusters in the State of Uttar Pradesh under the scheme, which have been completed. The details of these two projects is attached as Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 813 FOR ANSWER ON 23rd JULY 2026 REGARDING “AGRO PROCESSING CLUSTERS IN UTTAR PRADESH”

S. N o.	Name of the Project Executing Agency (PEA)	District	Date of approval	Project cost (In Cr.)	Grant/Subsidy Approved (in Cr.)	Total Grant/Subsidy released (in Cr.)	Major core processing facilities
1	M/s Govindgreen Foods Infra tech	Kanpur Dehat	06.04.2018	34.31	9.02	7.114	Multi Commodity Cold Storage, Ripening Chambers, Dry Warehouse, Sorting and Grading Line
2	M/s CRD Foods	Mathura	07.12.2018	21.05	10.00	9.729	Cold Storage, Frozen Chamber, Quality Control and Food Testing Lab
