

**Employment generation by FPIs**

90. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) When the last Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) was conducted by the Ministry;

(b) the total number of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) registered in the country;

(c) the quantum of employment generated by the registered FPIs from January, 2015 to December, 2017; and

(d) in what manner Government proposes to expand the scope of employment generation by the end of financial year 2019?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI) (a) The Annual Survey of Industries is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The latest Survey was conducted for the year 2014-15.

(b) and (c) As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), 2014-15, Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, the total number of registered food processing units (factories) is estimated at 38,603. The estimated employment generated in these registered food processing units (factories) is about 17.73 lakh during the same period.

(d) To boost Food Processing Industries and value addition activities and to increase employment generation in the sector the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has re-structured its schemes under the new Central Sector Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) with an allocation of ₹ 6,000 crore for period 2016-20 co-terminus with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. In addition to the existing scheme components of Mega Food Park, Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and Human Resources and Institutions, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana encompasses three new schemes namely Infrastructure for Agro- Processing Clusters, Creation of Forward and Backward Linkages and Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities with the objective to create robust modern infrastructure along the entire value chain. The farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, societies, Self Help Groups, Private Companies and State PSUs etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance under these schemes for setting up food processing projects in the country.