

PMKSY includes Scheme of Operation Greens—A scheme for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain, which was announced in the Union Budget for 2018-19 with financial outlays of ₹ 500 crores to promote FPOs, agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management. Under Operation Greens, there is a provision for 50% of subsidy towards cost of transportation and storage of TOP crops from the surplus area to deficit area in the glut situation.

**Establishing micro and small scale processing units in the country**

2662. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide 100 per cent grant to establish micro and small scale processing units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and

(c) the details of the scheme/guidelines and funding pattern thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Central Sector Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)' with an allocation of ₹ 6000 crore for the period 2016-20 *co-terminus* with Fourteenth Finance Commission under which financial assistance as capital subsidy in the form of grants-in-aid are provided to the eligible applicants against the Expression of Interest issued by the MoFPI from time to time. The PMKSY has the seven component schemes *i.e.* (i) Mega Food Parks (MFP), (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain), (iii) Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (Unit Scheme), (iv) Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters (APC), (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (BFL), (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FTL) and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. Individuals, farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), entrepreneurs, cooperatives, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and central/State PSUs etc. are eligible for financial assistance. Besides PMKSY, financial assistance as capital subsidy is also provided under new Central Sector Scheme 'Operation Greens' exclusively for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops value chain. The rate of subsidy ranges from 35% to 75% of the eligible project cost subject to maximum specified limit depending on the scheme and location of the project.

Further, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has no scheme to provide 100% grant to establish micro and small scale processing units in the country.