

For this, applicable grant-in-aid is at the rate of 50% (70% in case of FPOs) of the eligible project cost in all areas, subject to maximum of ₹ 50 crores per project.

Further, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India is implementing the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), which is a price support mechanism implemented on the request of State Governments for procurement of perishable and horticultural commodities in the event of a fall in market prices. The Scheme is implemented when there is at least 10% increase in production or 10% decrease in the ruling rates over the previous normal year. Its objective is to protect the growers of these horticultural/agricultural commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop during the peak arrival period when prices fall to very low level. Thus it provides remunerative prices to the farmers in case of glut in production and fall in prices.

In addition, Mission for Integrated Development for Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented with effect from 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, roots and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cocoa and bamboo. All States and UTs are covered under MIDH. Assistance is also extended for establishment of infrastructure relating to cold chain management *viz.* pre-cooling units, on farm pack houses, mobile pre-cooling units, staging cold rooms, cold storage units, integrated cold chain supply system, refrigerated vans/containers, primary/mobile processing units, ripening chambers, evaporative/low energy cool chambers, preservation units etc. under Integrated Post Harvest Management component of MIDH subsidy is provided as credit linked back-ended subsidy @ 35% of cost of project in general areas and 50% of cost in case of Hilly and Scheduled areas for individual entrepreneurs.

#### **Implementation of PMKSY in Bihar**

†2314. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Government has decided to ensure that the produce of the farmers do not suffer any loss before it reaches the market and also to prevent wastage of agricultural produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the names of the States in which Government has started work in this direction; and

(d) whether work is being done in the interest of farmers in the State of Bihar under this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme- PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPAADA YOJANA (PMKSY) with the scheme components viz.: (i) Mega Food Parks, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters, (iv) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages, (v) Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure, and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions with the objectives, *inter alia*, to create modern infrastructure and efficient supply chain for facilitating preservation and processing of all agro and marine produce across the country including in the State of Bihar depending on the availability of different agro/marine produce in different parts of the country. The Ministry is also implementing the scheme "Operation Greens" as a vertical of PMKSY since November, 2018 for integrated development of value/supply chain of tomato, onion and potato (TOP) crops in selected States on pilot basis. PMKSY provides a big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country helping thereby the farmers in getting better prices for their produces due to higher demand for agricultural produce by the food processing industries as raw material. It is thus a big step towards doubling of farmers' income in addition to creating huge employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce and enhancing the export of the processed foods.

The schemes of PMKSY are demand driven. The Ministry provides capital subsidy in the form of grants-in-aid to the individuals, farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives, Societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and Central/State PSUs etc. under its various schemes for setting up of food processing industries/units/projects against the Expression of Interest issued by the Ministry from time to time.

A total number of 5 projects have been sanctioned in the State of Bihar with an approved grant of ₹ 78.36 crore, the details of which is given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*Details indicating number of Food Processing Projects approved along with grant amount approved under the schemes of PMKSY in Bihar*

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	No. of project sanctioned	Amount of Grant approved (₹ in crore)
1.	Mega Food Parks	1	43.77
2.	Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastrutture	3	26.68
3.	Infrastrutture for Agro-Processing Clusters	1	7.91
TOTAL		5	78.36

**Investment and business in food processing sector**

2315. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any new scheme for the small business houses and entrepreneurs to encourage investment and business in the food processing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such schemes which are going to be made and enhanced for the bigger industries of the country in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) and (b) Under the proposed Gram Samridhi Yojana, micro-food processing units are proposed to be assisted towards modernization and enhancing their competitiveness.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.

**Implementation of Operation Greens**

2316. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to introduce Operation Greens on the lines of Operation Flood;