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Unorganised food processing sector in the country

1527. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the food processing sector in the country which are unorganised;

(b) the number of people who are employed in the unorganised food processing sector; and

(c) the amount of revenue generated from the food processing sector in the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) As per the 73rd round of National Sample Survey (July 2015- June 2016) estimates, the number of enterprises working in the unorganized food processing sector was 24,59,928.

(b) As per the 73rd round of National Sample Survey (July 2015- June 2016) estimates, the number of workers in the unorganized food processing sector was 51,11,097.

(c) As per the National Accounts Statistics (NAS) estimates, the gross value added (GVA) generated from the food processing sector was ₹ 1.79 lakh crore, ₹ 1.91 lakh crore, and ₹ 2.08 lakh crore during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively.

Impact of COVID-19 on FPIs

1528. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the reforms introduced as part of COVID package by the Ministry;

- (b) the details of the package thereof; and
- (c) the effect of COVID-19 on the Food Processing Industries (FPIs)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has launched a new centrally sponsored scheme "PM Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises. It is to be implemented for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of ₹ 10,000 crore. Two lakh micro food processing units are to be directly assisted with credit linked subsidy. The scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote their formalization and support FPOs/ SHGs/ Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain.

The Scheme adopts One District One Product (ODOP) approach to reap benefit of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of products. One District One Product approach would provide framework for value chain development and alignment of support infrastructure.

There may be more than one cluster for one product in one district. A cluster may also extend beyond one district. The States would identify food product for a district, keeping in perspective the focus of the scheme on perishables.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has also extended the Central Sector Scheme "Operation Greens" from Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) to all notified fruits and vegetables (TOTAL) for a period of six months as part of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The objective of the scheme is to protect the fruits and vegetables growers from making distress sale due to lockdown and reduce the post harvest losses.

In addition, the Ministry has relaxed the condition of physical inspection of the projects for release of Grant in Aid under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) and has allowed virtual inspection, till 31.10.2020, in view of the COVID-19 situation.

(c) The Food Processing Industries were allowed to function as per the Guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs issued from time to time during the restrictions/

lockdown period arising out of COVID-19. However, MoFPI has not made any impact assessment of COVID-19 on Food Processing Industries.

Impact of PMKSY on farmers' income

1529. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) has caused any increments in farmers' income in the financial years 2019 and 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and how Government plans to change this in the upcoming financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) is implementing Central Sector umbrella scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) with an aim to create modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. It is aimed at, *inter alia*, providing better returns to farmers, creating employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce etc. A total of 873 projects have been sanctioned under different component schemes of PMKSY, out of which 384 have been completed. An evaluation study "Impact of Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure" carried out by NABARD Consultancy Pvt. Limited (NABCONS) and submitted in March, 2020, has estimated significant increase in farm gate price across the sectors (Fruit and Vegetable, Dairy, Fishery/ Marine, spices) for captive processing units as well as for rental/ trader processing units in select scheme projects.

Research and development projects in food processing

1530. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the research and development (R&D) projects in food processing currently being funded by the Government; and
- (b) the progress report on R&D projects in food processing funded by Government?