

(ASI) 2017-18 estimates, a total of 34562 Food Processing factories/units are operational across the country in Food and Beverages sector, with 883 Food Processing factories/units operational in Madhya Pradesh State.

(b) and (c) In order to increase the level of Food Processing in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing Central sector umbrella scheme, 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)' with component schemes 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, (vii) Human Resources and Institutions, (viii) Operation Greens. PMKSY is a comprehensive package, which will result in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. It will, *inter alia*, help increase the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods. PMKSY envisages to leverage investment of ₹ 31,400 crore, handling of 334 lakh MT agro-produce valuing ₹ 1,04,125 crore, benefit 20 lakh farmers and generate 5,30,500 direct/ indirect employment in the country on completion of sanctioned projects.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has also 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 under the scheme. A total of 10500 units is targeted to be supported in Madhya Pradesh under the scheme.

#### **Setting-up of food processing plant in the Marathwada region**

1532. DR. BHAGWAT KARAD: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the proposal for setting up any new food processing plant in the Marathwada Region and Aurangabad district of Maharashtra;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) for setting up/expansion of food processing industries in the country including Maharashtra. Under the scheme, grants-in-aid @ 35% of the eligible project cost is provided in General Areas and 50% of the eligible project cost in North Eastern States including Sikkim and difficult areas, notified Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas and Islands subject to a maximum of ₹5.00 crore. At present, 7 projects are being implemented with assistance under the scheme in Marathwada Region (5 in Nanded District and 2 in Aurangabad). The details of such projects are given in Statement (*See below*).

MoFPI has also launched a new centrally sponsored scheme- PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) with an allocation of ₹ 10,000 crores to directly benefit 2 lakh micro enterprises during 2020-2025 across the country. A total of 20130 units will be supported in Maharashtra including Marathwada region under the scheme. ₹ 9,89,78,000 has been released to Maharashtra for hiring of Project Management Unit (PMU), undertaking studies, promotional activities and other activities permissible under the scheme guidelines.

**Statement**

*Status of Projects assisted under Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) in Marathwada Region as on 31.08.2020.*

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	District	Sector	Date of Approval	Project Cost	Approved Grant	Released Amount	Status
1.	M/s India Mega Agro Anaj Ltd. (Unit-1)	Nanded	Milk Processing	08.06.2018	5.63	1.50	0.75	Under Implementation
2.	M/s India Mega Agro Anaj Ltd. (Unit-2)	Nanded	Consumer Products	08.06.2018	10.18	2.56	1.28	Under Implementation
3.	M/s India Mega Agro Anaj Ltd. (Unit-3)	Nanded	Consumer Products	08.06.2018	6.74	1.56	0.78	Under Implementation
4.	M/s India Mega Agro Anaj Ltd. (Unit-4)	Nanded	Consumer Products	08.06.2018	7.26	1.70	0.85	Under Implementation
5.	M/s India Mega Agro Anaj Ltd. (Unit-5)	Nanded	F&V Processing	08.06.2018	7.61	1.72	0.86	Under Implementation
6.	M/s Sangale Agro Food Processing Pvt. Ltd.	Aurangabad	Grain Milling	09.01.2019	5.75	2.40	1.20	Under Implementation
7.	M/s Paithan Eco Foods Private Limited	Aurangabad	F&V Processing	31.01.2019	8.95	3.74	1.87	Under Implementation

Written Answers to

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