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VALUE ADDITION OF CEREALS

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Will the Minister of Food Processing Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of cereals produced in the country that are processed for value addition;
- (b) whether the percentage has gone up during the last five years; and
- (c) the blueprint for increasing the percentage over the next five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): As per a study by the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi titled “An assessment of the extent of food processing in various food sub sectors” in November 2014, the estimate of processing of cereals were as under:

| Crops | Estimate of Processing (%) |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Milled Coarse Cereals | 23.21 - 23.30 |
| Milled Wheat | 3.02 - 3.52 |
| Milled Rice | 1.75– 1.89 |

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Central Sector scheme- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) since 2016-17 for overall growth and development of the food processing sector including increasing the preservation and processing capacity in the sector. The completed projects under PMKSY are estimated to have created about 106 lakh Metric Tonnes of preservation & processing capacity. The Gross Value Added in the food processing sector has increased from Rs. 1.34 lakh crore in 2014-15 to Rs. 2.08 lakh crore in 2018-19 (at constant price).

Apart from PMKSY, as part of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has launched an all India centrally sponsored "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 Rs. 10,000 crores with target to directly assist two lakh micro food processing units with credit linked subsidy.
