

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 572**  
ANSWERED ON – 05.02.2021

**BUILDING FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN NABARANGPUR DISTRICT**

572. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether majority of areas in Nabarangpur district produces high-quality maize; and
- (b) the steps that are being taken by Government under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package to build more food processing industries in the region related to maize products such as corn flour, sweet corn, cornflakes, popcorn, etc. and boost the exports as well as employment potential?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Under Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Odisha State has selected Maize based products as One District One Product (ODOP) for Nabarangpur District which has been approved by the Ministry. As part of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has launched this Centrally Sponsored Scheme PMFME for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.

The scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of micro-food processing enterprises and support existing food processing units, Farmer Producer Organisations, Self Help Groups, Producers Cooperatives & Cooperative Societies along their entire value chain through credit linked grant and capacity building. The scheme also envisages to support for common infrastructure, marketing & branding.

The Scheme adopts ODOP approach to reap benefit of scale in terms of procurement of inputs, availing common services and marketing of products. ODOP approach would provide framework for value chain development and alignment of support infrastructure. New units would also be supported for ODOP products.

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