

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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SETTING UP OF SMALL-SCALE FOOD PROCESSING UNITS AT FARM LEVEL

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to encourage setting-up of small-scale food processing units at farm level taking note of abundant farm produce in a particular geographical region to ensure that the produce is not soiled but used elsewhere in packaged form in addition to mega food processing parks to help farmers and generate employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has identified the cereals, oilseeds, vegetables, fruits, etc. which could be processed and packaged at small-scale food processing units; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing Central Sector umbrella scheme- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) since 2016-17 for overall growth and development of food processing sector, including cereals, oilseeds, vegetables & fruits based processing industries. Under its component schemes, MoFPI provides credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing / preservation industries with farm level infrastructure like primary processing facilities, collection centers etc. So far, a total of 292 Food Processing Units have been approved for assistance under component scheme Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities. Also, a total of 124 Primary Processing Centres with Dry Warehouse capacity of 116450 MT, Cold Storage capacity of 56520 MT and deep freezer capacity of 1750 MT have been approved as part of Mega Food Park projects.

Government has announced expansion of scope of “Operation Greens scheme” from Tomato, Onion & Potato (TOP) to 22 perishable products, in the budget speech for 2021-2022, so as to boost value addition in these perishables. Ministry has identified these 22 perishables, which include Mango, Banana, Apple, Pineapple, Carrot, Cauliflower, Beans etc.
