

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 741**  
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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN FPI SECTOR**

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

- (a) whether Food Processing Industry (FPI) is one of the major job intensive industries in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the employment opportunities generated during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether any measures are being taken by Government to increase job creation capabilities by promoting domestic and foreign investment in the food processing sector; and
- (d) if so, the details of funds invested by both domestic and foreign agencies in this sector during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation through the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) collects and publishes data for registered manufacturing sector. As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries (2018-19), Food Processing sector has contributed 11.22% of total persons engaged in the registered manufacturing sector. The details of employment/ persons engaged in food processing sector for last 3 years are as under;

S. No.	Year	Persons engaged (in Nos.)
1	2016-17	18,53,851
2	2017-18	19,33,464
3	2018-19	20,05,286

Source: Annual Survey of Industries 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

(c) & (d): 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 food processing sector including creation of off-farm employment across the country. Major component schemes under PMKSY with employment potential include Mega Food Park, Agro-Processing Clusters, Integrated Cold Chain, Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) and Backward & Forward Linkages. Similarly, for upgrading/formalizing unorganized micro sector units, the PM

Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM\_FME) scheme is being implemented since June 2020.

100% foreign direct investment is permitted under the automatic route for food processing sector. As per ASI reports, fixed capital investment in the registered food processing sector for latest three years, is as under;

S. No.	Year	Fixed Capital (in Rs. Crore)
1	2016-17	226045.47
2	2017-18	245063.04
3	2018-19	259121.50

Source: Annual Survey of Industries 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

The details of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in food Processing sector for last three years is as under;

S. No.	Year	FDI (in Rs. Crore)
1	2018-19	4430.44
2	2019-20	6414.67
3	2020-21	2934.12

Source: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

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