

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2146
ANSWERED ON 09TH AUGUST, 2024

PROJECT UNDER PMKSY SCHEME

2146. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR JHA

Will the Minister of *FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES* be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is a fact that of 44 projects received under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) scheme, only 14 projects have been approved in Bihar; if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether 30 other projects have been rejected or are they still being considered for approval, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has considered any alternatives for 30 projects to provide better access to farmers and employment opportunities, especially in the rural areas of Bihar, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing various sub-schemes of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) which is a Central sector scheme for the creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. The sub-schemes are demand-driven, and eligible entities are invited to submit proposals through an Expression of Interest, which is floated from time to time. MOFPI encourages the setting up of food processing facilities/units by extending financial assistance as grant-in-aid to the approved projects. It will not only provide a big boost to the growth of the food processing sector in the country including Bihar state but also help in providing better returns to farmers and is a big step towards increase of farmer's income, creating employment opportunities, especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods. In the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), a total number of 79 proposals were received under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) Scheme, from the State of Bihar. Out of this, 15 projects have been approved.
