

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2158**  
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**PMFME SCHEME IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**2158. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the details of centrally sponsored scheme of Pradhan Mantri formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme;
- (b) the total fund sanctioned under PMFME scheme in the current year in Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) the details of job-oriented training programmes and centres for capacity building and skill development for operation in Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) whether Government has conducted any study to identify the manpower required to increase demand in the Food Processing Sector in Himachal Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

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

(a). Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored- "Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country. The scheme is operational from 2020-21 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 Crore. The scheme aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and promote formalization of the sector. The details of financial assistance offered to the prospective entrepreneurs along with eligible entities under PMFME Scheme are at **ANNEXURE**.

(b). For the State of Himachal Pradesh, Centre share of Rs. 70.50 Cr. has been released in current FY 2024-25 for the implementation of various components of the scheme.

(c). The Capacity Building component of the PMFME Scheme envisages to provide Food Processing Entrepreneurship Development Training to the micro-food processing entrepreneurs (individuals/SHGs/FPOs/Cooperatives) availing Credit Linked Subsidy and Seed Capital under the PMFME scheme for 24 hrs and 8 hrs respectively. Under the PMFME scheme, 2 National Level Technical Institutes and 43 State Level Technical Institutions (SLTIs) have been recognised for training support. The Scheme does not envisage setting up of Training Centres by MoFPI. For the State of Himachal Pradesh, 2 SLTIs viz. "Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry" and "Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University" have been nominated for providing the training support under the Scheme. Skilling component is not considered to be the part of the Capacity Building under PMFME scheme. However, training is being provided through empanelled Government & Private training partners.

(d). Under the PMFME Scheme, States conduct State Level Upgradation Plan (SLUP) Study to identify potential micro food processing enterprises, need for support along the entire value chain, need and gap assessment. Ministry issues SOPs and Guidelines from time to time in reference to the scheme being implemented, to its entrepreneurs.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2158 FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2024 REGARDING “PMFME SCHEME IN HIMACHAL PRADESH”**

The details of financial assistance offered to the enterprises under Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme are as under:

- (i). *Support to Individual / Group Category Micro Enterprises*: Credit-linked capital subsidy @35% of the eligible project cost, maximum ceiling Rs.10 lakh per unit;
- (ii). *Support to SHGs for seed capital*: Seed capital @ Rs. 40,000/- per member of SHG engaged in food processing for working capital and purchase of small tools subject to maximum of Rs. 4 lakh per SHG Federation.
- (iii). *Support for Common Infrastructure*: Credit linked capital subsidy @35% subject to maximum of Rs. 3 crore to support FPOs, SHGs, Cooperatives and any Government agency for setting up of common infrastructure. The common infrastructure will also be available for other units and public to utilize on hiring basis for substantial part of the capacity.
- (iv). *Branding and Marketing Support*: Grant upto 50% for Branding and Marketing to groups of FPOs/ SHGs/ Cooperatives or an SPV of micro food processing enterprises.
- (v). *Capacity Building*: The scheme envisages training for Entrepreneurship Development Skilling (EDP+): program modified to meet the requirement of food processing industry and product specific skilling.

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