

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 391
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2022

BAPATLA AGRO AND FOOD PROCESSING CLUSTER

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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Bapatla Agro and Food Processing Cluster under Scheme Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI);
- (b) the details of financial assistance and beneficiaries with respect to the cluster; and
- (c) the details of measures being taken to enhance marketability, skills and public-private partnerships under the scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM
ENTERPRISES
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a) & (b): Bapatla Agro and Food Processing Cluster was approved in March 2022 with a Government of India assistance of Rs.238.6 lakhs supporting 605 beneficiaries. Tendering process for CFC construction and machine installation has been initiated.

(c): Under the project, marketing of the agro products is being planned through retail outlets and supermarkets, kiosks at bus and railway stations, supplies to Govt. schools and colleges, online portals, etc. Skill training programmes, in partnership with specialized Research Institutes, is also planned for farmers and agripreneurs for manufacturing of value added millet products, packaging, branding, etc. Once the cluster becomes functional, avenues may be explored for convergence with various public and private sector stakeholders.
