

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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INVESTMENTS IN PRESERVATION AND PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) the measures undertaken by the Government to promote on-farm and off-farm investments in preservation and processing infrastructure during the last five years; and
- (b) the details of capacity building initiatives or support provided to farmers to reduce the post-harvest losses?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
 (KM SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a) : The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a Central Sector umbrella scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) - since 2017-18. Through implementation of component schemes of PMKSY viz. (i) Mega Food Park scheme, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure scheme, (iii) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages scheme, (iv) Creation of Infrastructure for Agro processing Clusters, (v) Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities and (vi) Operation Greens, the Ministry assists in creating on-farm infrastructure facilities like collection centres, warehouses, cold storages, bulk milk coolers and pre-processing facilities and off-farm infrastructure facilities like food processing centres/ units, finished goods warehouses, cold storages, irradiation centres. Under PMKSY, 940 projects have been approved under these component schemes since 2017-18 to 2023-24 (till 25.01.2024) with total project cost of Rs. 22,333.57 crore including grants-in-aid of Rs. 5715.39 crore leading to creation of preservation and processing capacity of 293.93 lakh metric tonne/ annum.

(b) : MoFPI provides capacity building support to entrepreneurs involved in food processing business and farmers in various thematic areas of food processing including reduction in post-harvest losses through its Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme, National Institute of Food Technology and Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli (NIFTEM-K), Haryana and NIFTEM, Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T), Tamil Nadu. The details of capacity building training provided through these institutional mechanisms to food processing entrepreneurs and farmers are as under:

Scheme/ Institute	No. of beneficiaries trained		
	Capacity building to food processing entrepreneurs	Capacity building to farmers	Total beneficiaries
PMFME	62140	-	62140
NIFTEM -K	14845	-	14845
NIFTEM -T	22356	1227	23583
Total	99341	1227	100568
