

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1544**  
ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020

MANPOWER IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

**1544. SHRI LORHO S. PFOZE:**

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of skilled manpower in the Food Processing Sector in the Country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any training programme to meet the shortage of skilled manpower;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds earmarked for the purpose?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (e): As informed by Food Industry and Capacity Skill Initiative (FICSI), which works under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and is supported by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), there is no reported shortage of skilled manpower in the Food Processing Sector.

Further, as informed by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), under Skill India Mission, MSDE is implementing a flagship scheme known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) with an objective to provide skilling to one crore people under Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across the country for four years i.e. 2016-2020. The PMKVY scheme is implemented through various training Centres Pan India spanning across 37 sectors, including Food Processing sector. The scheme can be availed by anyone fulfilling the criteria as per the scheme guideline including Socially backward classes i.e. SC/ST and OBC. As on 17th January 2020, over 0.30 lakh candidates have been trained/oriented, of which over 0.24 lakh candidates have been certified in Food Processing.

As informed by MSDE, the Budget Outlay of PMKVY is Rs.12000 Crores for four years, i.e. 2016-2020.

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