

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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FARM-TO-MARKET VALUE CHAIN INTEGRATION

1876. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been undertaken to identify gaps in farm-to-market value chain integration and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether priority commodities have been identified and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether new policy instruments are proposed to strengthen value chains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN)

(a): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has conducted various studies to estimate the processing level for selected commodities to determine the post-harvest losses and to evaluate implementation and impact of its ongoing schemes. However, so far, MoFPI has not undertaken any assessment specifically to identify the gaps in value chain integration.

(b): Under the Central Sector umbrella scheme of MoFPI- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), the Operation Greens Scheme was launched in 2018-19 with an outlay of ₹500 crore for the value chain development of Tomatoes, Onions and Potatoes (TOP) to promote FPOs, agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management. In 2021-22, its scope was expanded to cover 22 perishable crops.

Under the Scheme's long-term interventions, a financial assistance in the form of 35% of the eligible project cost in General Areas and 50% in Difficult Areas and for SC/ST promoters, FPOs and SHGs is provided for value chain development projects, subject to a maximum grant of ₹15 crore per project. The Scheme is demand-driven in nature with projects selected through Expressions of Interest (EOI) from time to time. So far, Ministry has approved 36 projects in the country with total project cost of Rs. 1466.74 Crore, approved grant-in-aid of Rs. 376.81 Crore. The 22 perishables crops selected under the schemes are as below:

- i. **Fruits:** Mango, Banana, Apple, Pineapple, Orange, Grapes, Aonla/Amla, Pomegranate, Guava, Litchi;
- ii. **Vegetables:** Tomato, Onion, Potato, Green Peas, Carrot, Cauliflower, Beans, Gourd Family [Bottle Gourd (Loki), Bitter Gourd (Karela),

Ridge/Sponge Gourd (Torai), Pointed Gourd (Parwal) and Ash Gourd (Petha)], Okra, Garlic, Ginger;

iii. **Marine:** Shrimp

(c) & (d): MoFPI through implementation of various initiatives and schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI) strengthen food processing value chains across the country through the creation of modern processing and preservation infrastructure, cold chain and logistics facilities, value addition, market linkages, formalisation of micro enterprises and promotion of innovation and investment in the food processing sector. As on date, no specific new policy instrument is proposed to strengthen the value chains. However, the Government continuously reviews the existing policy framework to introduce suitable interventions from time to time for the overall development of food processing sector across the country.
