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- (d) Under the scheme, there are 68 number of ongoing R&D projects in Private and Public sector. For timely completion of these projects, periodic review of these projects is carried out by the Ministry. The Ministry has been regularly following up the matter with the concerned Principal Investigators/Institutes/Organisations for submission of Project progress or Final Project Completion Report (FPCR).
- (e) and (f) The level of processing of food is estimated to be less than 15% in India as compared to 70-80% in advanced countries. In order to increase the level of processing, Government has launched a new Central Sector Scheme-Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), with an allocation of ₹ 6000 crores for the period of 2016-20 co-terminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. Under the PMKSY, following schemes are being implemented:-
 - (i) Mega Food Parks;
 - (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure;
 - (iii) Food safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure;
 - (iv) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters;
 - (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages;
 - (vi) Creation/Expansion of Food processing and Preservation Capacities;
 - (vii) Human Resources and Institutions;
 - (viii) Operation Greens.

In addition, the Government has also undertaken various policy measures for development of food processing sector and to increase level of food processing.

Allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh for food processing schemes

2664. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/granted to Andhra Pradesh under various food processing schemes during the last three years;

- (b) the details of funds released to Andhra Pradesh under such schemes during the last three years;
 - (c) the details of funds yet to be released;
 - (d) whether the fund released is sufficient to achieve the desired objectives; and
 - (e) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a Central Sector Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY)' with an allocation of ₹ 6000 crore for the period 2016-20 co-terminus with Fourteenth Finance Commission under which financial assistance as capital subsidy in the form of grants-in-aid are provided to the eligible applicants against the Expression of Interest issued by the MoFPI from time to time. The PMKSY has the seven component schemes i.e. (i) Mega Food Parks (MFP), (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain), (iii) Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (Unit Scheme), (iv) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters (APC), (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (BFL), (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FTL) and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. Individuals, farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), entrepreneurs, cooperatives, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and Central/State PSUs etc. are eligible for financial assistance. The scheme is implemented in all States including the State of Andhra Pradesh. Besides PMKSY, financial assistance as capital subsidy is also provided under new Central Sector Scheme 'Operation Greens' exclusively for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops value chain in 9 States that includes the State of Andhra Pradesh. The rate of subsidy ranges from 35% to 75% of the eligible project cost subject to maximum specified limit depending on the scheme and location of the project. However, State-wise allocation and release of funds is not made under any of the schemes.

FDI under PMKSY

†2665. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has invited Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in food processing sector under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY);

[†] Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.