Status and Progress of Food Processing Sector

Development of Food Processing Clusters and Cold Chain Infrastructure under PMKSY

Sector Progress

The Gross Value Added (GVA) in the food processing sector increased from Rs. 1.34 lakh crore in 2014-15 to Rs. 2.24 lakh crore in 2023-24, as per revised estimates. The sector attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of USD 7.33 billion from 2014-15 to 2024-25. The share of processed food exports in agri-exports increased from 13.7% in 2014-15 to 20.4% in 2024-25.

The food processing sector recorded an Average Annual Growth Rate of 6.55% during the last nine years, compared with 6.06% for the overall manufacturing sector. It is the largest employer in the registered manufacturing sector, accounting for 12.83% of employment in the total registered/organised sector, as per the Annual Survey of Industries 2023-24.

Food Processing Infrastructure in Rajasthan

As on 31 December 2025, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) had approved 2 Mega Food Parks, 2 Agro Processing Clusters, 14 Integrated Cold Chains, 24 Food Processing Units and 6 Creation of Backward & Forward Linkages projects under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) in Rajasthan.

In addition, 1,444 micro food processing enterprises were approved under the Centrally Sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, while 6 projects were approved under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) in the state.

PMFME and One District One Product

As on 31 December 2025, a total of 1,72,707 micro food processing enterprises had been approved for subsidy under PMFME. A total of 3,76,326 members of Self Help Groups were supported with seed capital amounting to Rs. 1,282.99 crore across rural and urban areas of the country.

Under the One District One Product (ODOP) approach, 137 unique products were identified and approved across 726 districts for development of their respective value chains. In addition, 76 incubation centres with a total outlay of Rs. 208.11 crore were approved for nurturing these value chains and entrepreneurs.

MoFPI Schemes

To support the overall development of the food processing sector, MoFPI incentivises the setting up and expansion of food processing infrastructure through two Central Sector Schemes: the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) and the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI). The Centrally Sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme is also implemented by MoFPI. All three schemes are demand driven and implemented across the country.

The Mega Food Park and Creation of Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters components of PMKSY are aimed at the development of food processing clusters. As on 31 December 2025, MoFPI had approved 2 Mega Food Parks and 2 Agro Processing Clusters under PMKSY in Rajasthan. The Mega Food Park Scheme has been discontinued by the Ministry since 1 April 2021.