

Ministry of Food Processing Industries – Report for November 2018

1.0 Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

1.1 Important policy decisions taken during the month:

- (a) In-principle approval of Department of Expenditure was received on 27.11.2018 for the MoFPI proposal on a new initiative 'India-Agro Processing and Value Addition (Pilot) Program' (Gram Samridhi Yojana) for the development of the unorganized food processing sector to be implemented with the support of the World Bank. The proposed project has an outlay of Rs. 3000 crore over a project period of 5 years (2019-24).
- (b) Draft Cabinet Note for the Scheme of Specialised Agro Processing Financial Institutions, which was a budget announcement in 2018, was approved by Hon'ble Finance Minister on 09.11.2018. A note for Cabinet was also sent to Cabinet Secretary and PMO on 16.11.2018 and 17.11.2018 respectively.
- (c) Operational Guidelines for "Operation Greens" – a scheme for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain, with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 500 crores, was finalized and uploaded on the website of the Ministry on 05.11.2018.

1.2 Major achievements during the month:

- (a) The Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee (IMAC) meeting, chaired by Hon'ble Minister, FPI, was held on 19.11.2018 for considering the proposals received for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) and IMAC approved five (5) Food Processing units in various States of the country. The projects will leverage Rs. 38.07 crore of investment and involve subsidy outgo of Rs. 19.73 crore in the form of grants-in-aid. Cumulative investment leveraged under the Scheme during the Financial Year 2018-19 is Rs. 1649.95 crore.

- (b) The IMAC meeting, chaired by Hon'ble Minister, FPI, was held on 19.11.2018 for considering the proposals received for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters under the PMKSY and IMAC approved 2 (two) Agro Processing Clusters in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The projects will leverage Rs. 30.05 crore of investment and involve subsidy outgo of Rs. 20.00 crore in the form of grants-in-aid. Cumulative investment leveraged under the Scheme during the Financial Year 2018-19 is Rs. 654.89 crore.
- (c) Hon'ble Minister inaugurated Paithan Mega Food Park on 15.11.2018 in Maharashtra. The park is implemented with a total investment of Rs.124.56 crore and will house 20-25 units.
- (d) A Meeting was held with Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 27.11.2018 to finalise a strategy to encourage SC entrepreneurs to access available subsidy under MoFPI Schemes.
- (e) Meeting of Standing Committee on Agriculture was held on 16.11.2018 for evaluation of the scheme of Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities Scheme under the PMKSY.
- (f) Following stakeholder meetings were conducted for smooth rollout of "Operation Greens"-
- I. A meeting with State Governments and nodal agencies of the central government ministries to discuss implementation issues was held on 15.11.2018 under chairmanship of Secretary, FPI.
 - II. A meeting with major exporters of the TOP crops was held on 26.11.2018 under chairmanship of Chairman, APEDA to popularise the scheme among the exporters.
 - III. A meeting was held with State Mission Directors of National Horticulture Mission and Senior executives of State level Cooperative Marketing Federation on 29.11.2018 under chairmanship of Managing Director, NAFED to deliberate and work out the modalities for implementation of the short term market intervention component of scheme for ensuring price stabilisation in the event of glut and crashing prices of TOP crops.

- (g) Minister chaired the Valedictory ceremony of Swachhta Pakhwada on 01.11.2018 and distributed certificates and cash prizes to the successful participants.
- (h) Ministry observed Quami Ekta Week from 19.11.2018 to 25.11.2018, in which each day of the week were dedicated to different aspects of Quami Ekta. Essay competition was also held to sensitize officers/ staff for national integration and fraternity.
- (i) IIFPT supported relief operations for Gaja Cyclone affected regions of Tamil Nadu by distributing 7 Tons of relief materials like rice, dal, sambhar powder and nutritional RTE products.
- (j) IIFPT received the best Institute award – Innovation on Skill Development from Shri Anant Kumar Hegde, Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship during ASSOCHAM Summit cum Awards on Skilling India from Skills to employability (2017-18) on 01.11.2018

1.3 Foreign visit of Hon'ble Minister(FPI) and Foreign delegation to MoFPI:

- i. Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Hon'ble Minister (FPI) visited Pakistan to take part in the ground breaking ceremony of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor on the Pakistan side of the International Boundary on 28.11.2018.
- ii. A meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister, FPI and Mr. Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Canada on 27.11.2018 and issues related to bilateral cooperation in food processing sector between India and Canada were discussed.

2.0 Compliance of CoS decision: Nil.

3.0 No. of cases of sanction for prosecution pending for more than three months: Nil

4.0 Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: Nil

5.0 Status of implementation of e-Governance:

Total No. of Files	Total No. of e-files
9148	3497

6.0 Status of Public Grievances:

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month
23	02

Note: No case is pending beyond the stipulated period of 60 days.

7.0 Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/Department for utilization of the Space Technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development. NIL

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