

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3553
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SETTING UP OF AGRO-PROCESSING CLUSTER SCHEME

3553. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

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

- (a) the total budget allocated for the Agro Processing Cluster Scheme which aims to set up of food processing units based on cluster approach by linking groups of producers/farmers to the processors and markets through well-equipped supply chain with modern infrastructure in the current financial year;
- (b) the total funds utilized under this scheme in the last financial year, State-wise including Telangana;
- (c) whether the Government plans to increase the number of such clusters in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Rs.48.75 crores has been allocated in the budget for 2019-20 for the Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters.
- (b): State-wise fund allocation is not made under the scheme. A total of Rs.22.50 crores was utilized in 2018-19. No funds has been released to the project approved in the State Telangana so far.
- (c): Yes Sir.
- (d): 44 APCs are in different stages of implementation as on date. The Expression of Interest (EOI) is also open till 29th February 2020 for submission of more proposals through online portal from potential investors/entrepreneurs willing to setup APCs in accordance with the Scheme Guidelines.
