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Government of India
Ministry of Food Processing Industries

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New Delhi - 110049
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To

The SNA-PMFME,
Punjab Agro Industries Corp Ltd

Subject: Clarification about considering applications under Primary Processing to support under PMFME Scheme from Punjab.

Sir/Madam,

Ministry of Food Processing Industries have been receiving queries for clarification from various States/UTs about considering applications under Primary Processing to support under PMFME Scheme, lastly from Punjab vide E-mails dated 28.11.2025 and 17.12.2025.

2. After due consideration and approval from the competent authority, it is clarified as under:

I) As per our Scheme guidelines-"Support for agricultural Produce would be for their produce for processing along with efforts to reduce wastage, proper assaying, storage and marketing"

II) However, no specific activity wise details are given in the PMFME scheme. As per MoFPI guidelines for Kisan Sampda Yojna dated 08.06.2022, the eligible sectors activities are as under:

A.Eligible Sectors

i) Fruits & vegetables processing,

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- ii) Milk Processing,
- iii) Meat / poultry / fish processing ,
- iv) Ready to Eat / Ready to Cook Food Products / Breakfast cereals /Snacks /Bakery and other food products including nutritional health foods
- v) Grains /pulses ,oil seed milling and processing based on modern technology
- vi) Modern Rice milling
- vii) Other agri-horti. products including spices ,coconut, soya bean, Fruits /honey mushroom processing ,honey processing
- viii) Fruits /honey based wines ,
- ix) Natural Food flavours ,food additives /food extract & colours, oleoresins, guar gum, cocoa products
- x) Manufacturing jaggery from sugarcane and value –added products from jaggery (as raw material) except sugar mills
- xi) Any other sector that makes food products fit for human consumption.
- xii) Animal feed manufacturing units(s),
- xiii) Carbonated drinks/beverages containing fruit juice /pulp (more than 5% in case of lime /lemon and more than 10%in case of other fruits) will be considered for financial assistance under the Scheme.

Note:

- a) Activities related to manufacturing of aerated water (other than that covered under serial no. (xiii) Above and packaged drinking water will not be considered for financial assistance under the Scheme)
- b) Farming activities such as dairy farming, poultry farming, mushroom farming hatcheries etc. are not eligible for financial assistance under the scheme

B. Eligible processing activities

- i) Sorting , grading ,washing ,peeling, cutting, sizing ;
- ii) Blanching ,crushing ,extraction, pulping;
- iii) Drying ,de-husking ,de-hulling, spitting ,depoding, deseeding, colour sorting ,pulverization, extrusion, freeze drying/dehydration, frying;
- iv) Pasteurization ,homogenization ,evaporation, concentration;
- v) Packaging facilities like canning ,aseptic packaging ,vacuum packaging , bottling edible packaging, labelling , any other specialized packaging;

- vi) Chemical preservation, pickling, fermentation or any other specialized facility required for preservation activities:
- vii) Individual Quick Freezing (IQF),blast freezing ,spiral, Quick freezing:
- viii) Controlled temperature transport like coolers and refrigerated / insulated /ventilated transport;
- ix) Other processing /preservation/ transport/ storage facilities adjunct to value addition and shelf life enhancement of food products ;
- x) Fire Fighting equipment and insect repellents.

Note:

- a) The above list is only illustrative and not exhaustive. Food Processing Industry is fast evolving and several innovative processing technologies are being developed day by day which can also be considered under this scheme if deemed fit. The project should include and result in creation/increase in processing capacity
 - b) Standalone activities like temperature –controlled transportation/storage facilities will not be considered for financial assistance under this scheme
3. Through various components of support, the PMFME Scheme envisages to promote Micro Food Processing Enterprises along their value chain-starting from Sorting, Grading to Marketing/Business Support in order to maximize shelf life and Value creation. Nowhere in the Scheme guidelines, Primary Processing is excluded. (Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are already supporting primary processing with approval from MoFPI)
4. In addition to above, the Annexure of ineligible activities to the OM dated 18.05.2022 does not include Primary Processing of Agriculture, Horticulture products. Further, the PMFME Scheme envisages convergence with other Central/State Govt. sponsored Schemes.

Yours faithfully,



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