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RAJYA SABHA
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**MODERNIZATION OF SEAFOOD PROCESSING AND VALUE-ADDITION
INFRASTRUCTURE IN ODISHA**

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the status of food processing and value-addition facilities for marine products in coastal districts of Odisha, such as Puri, including cold-chain gaps, packaging infrastructure, and post-harvest handling systems;
- (b) if so, the details of measures taken or proposed to upgrade technology, improve quality certification, and enhance market and export readiness for seafood products in the State, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any proposals from Odisha have been received for establishing seafood-focused processing parks, primary processing centres, or integrated value-chain hubs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d): The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), a statutory body under the Department of Commerce, is responsible for registering marine product exporters, seafood processing plants, and handling centres across Indian States and Union Territories. MPEDA conducts regular stakeholder consultations and monitors registered entities to assess the status of food-processing and value-addition facilities for marine products, as well as to evaluate cold chain management, packaging infrastructure, and post-harvest handling systems. In Odisha, MPEDA has registered 62 seafood exporters, 45 export-oriented processing plants with a total processing capacity of 2318.12 MT/Day, and 50 Cold storages with a capacity of 52,286 MT. The district-wise number of processing units and cold storages registered with MPEDA in Odisha is given below :

District	No. of processing units	No. of Cold storages
Balasore	13	15
Khordha	21	24
Jagatsinghpur	3	3
Bhadrak	2	2

Puri	3	2
Cuttack	1	2
Nayagarh	2	2

To upgrade the technology for value addition of marine products, MPEDA is implementing the Technology Development for Specific Value-Added Marine Products (TDSVMP) Scheme, which supports the establishment and upgradation of infrastructure such as process automation, including packaging systems, cold storage facilities, live, chilled and dried fish handling centres, pre-processing units, depuration centres, ornamental fish units, and the development of new value-added marine products. These schemes are not state-specific and can be availed by exporters to set up new units or expand existing production capacity for value addition, and diversify value-added production, including exporters from the state of Odisha.

During the last five years from 2021-22 to date in 2025-26, MPEDA has released financial assistance under various schemes for coastal States, including Odisha, as detailed below:

Year	No. of beneficiaries	Financial assistance (Rs. in Lakh)
2021-22	20	2936.09
2022-23	8	1595.46
2023-24	9	906.7
2024-25	15	2796.07
2025-26	37	3576.29
Total	89	11810.61

The above includes the 9 beneficiaries from the State of Odisha were assisted with a financial support amounting to ₹967.69 lakh during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 for infrastructure development related to seafood value addition.

In addition, to strengthen value addition and hygiene practices, MPEDA has undertaken extensive capacity-building and skill-development programmes. Over the past five years, 114 hands-on training programmes have been conducted across coastal states, including Odisha, benefiting 5,155 seafood processing workers, with a focus on high-demand value-added products aligning with global standards.

Odisha has a Seafood Park at Deras with a land area of 152 acres, where 15 exporters have obtained the plots. At present, no proposals have been received from the State of Odisha for establishing new seafood-focused processing parks.
