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- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) revised Operational Guidelines for Scheme for Human Resources and Institution — Skill Development (SHRISD) formulated under the Central Sector Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKVY) in order to make the Scheme more attractive and investor friendly.
- Operational guidelines of the Scheme have been further amended by including Ministry assisted Mega Food Parks and Agro Processing Clusters as eligible categories for financial assistance for Plant and Machinery approved job roles under the Scheme.

The Scheme aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Develop training/ Course modules in English, Hindi and recognized regional languages based on the Qualification Packages (QPs) validated by the NSDA as National Occupational Standards for different job roles in various sectors of Food Processing Industries.
- Assist Training Centers (TCs) for building requisite infrastructure for providing skill training for different job roles.
- Augment number of skilled workforce in different domains of food processing industries like floor level workers, Operators, Packaging and assembly line workers, quality control supervisors etc. and to meet the skilled Human
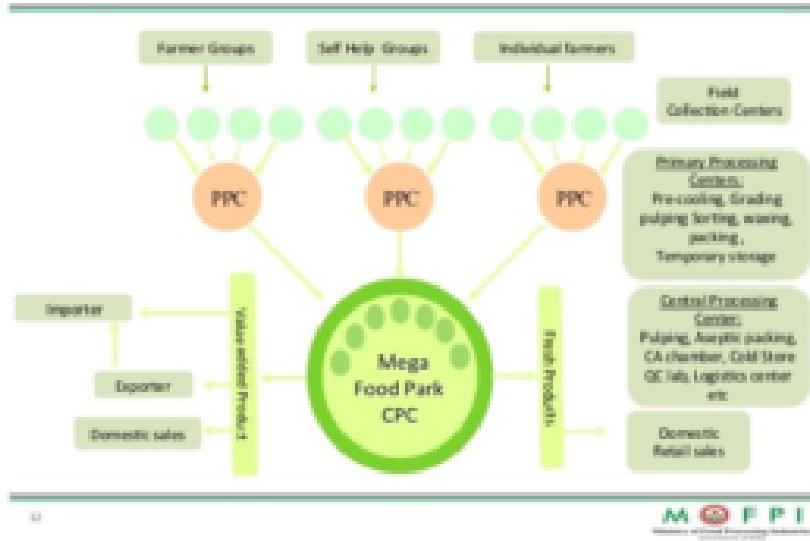
Resources requirement in the food processing sector.

- In the long run, upgrade the skills of the workers for various job roles in the food processing sector depending upon their educational qualification, available/ future technological trends and the job role potential in various sectors of food processing, which can make them eligible for a suitable employment or self-employment.
- Help create enabling resources of Training Partners (TPs) and course content developers to implement various skill development programs of food processing sectors in the country dovetailing with initiatives under PMKVY.

Mega Food Parks

- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing the Mega Food Park Scheme in the country since 2008.
- It aims at providing a mechanism to link agricultural production to the market by bringing together farmers, processors and retailers.
- These food parks give a major boost to the food processing sector by adding value and reducing food wastage at each stage of the supply chain with particular focus on perishables.

Mega Food Park Model: An Illustration

Agro-Processing Cluster (APC)

- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has formulated the Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters as a sub-scheme of Central Sector Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)'.
- The scheme aims at development of modern infrastructure to encourage entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach.
- The scheme is to be implemented in the area of horticulture/agriculture production identified through a mapping exercise.
- The clusters will help in reducing the wastage of the surplus produce and add value to the horticultural/agricultural produce which will result in increase of income of the farmers and create employment at the local level- agro processing cluster MOFPI.