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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2020-21), presented the Twenty Sixth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2021-22) of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries to Lok Sabha today, the 09 March, 2021.

Some of the Important Recommendations made by the Committee are as follows:

Analysis of Demands	<p>While expressing concern over the under utilization of allocated funds consistently by the Ministry, which is acting as a stumbling block in achieving the objectives of the Ministry i.e. addressing critical issues of food security, food inflation and providing wholesome nutritious food to the masses, ensuring better returns for the farmers, generating employment and earning foreign exchange through the exports, the Committee have recommended the Ministry to strive hard for optimum utilization of allocated funds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.1</p>
Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)	<p>While expressing displeasure over the under utilization of funds in the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) for SC/ST and North Eastern Region due to receipt of less number of proposals leading to slow progress in implementation of this Scheme, the Committee have strongly recommended that the Ministry should launch a Special Awareness Drive with the purpose of increasing awareness about various Components of the Scheme so that its full benefits can be reaped by the intended beneficiaries.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.3</p>
Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages	<p>While expressing concern over the slow progress under the Sub-component Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana, which aims to provide effective and</p>

	<p>seamless Backward and Forward Integration for Food Processing Industries by plugging the gaps in supply chain in terms of availability of raw material and linkages with the market, the Committee have recommended the Ministry to properly utilize the allocated funds in a time bound manner and strive to complete the approved Projects on time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.5</p>
Operation Greens	<p>While appreciating the decision of the Government to include other Perishable Commodities under the Operation Greens Scheme, in addition to Tomatoes, Potatoes and Onions as it will not only benefit the farmers from distress sale of their produce but will also help in increasing their income, the Committee have recommended the Ministry to take all requisite measures to ensure that the implementation of this Scheme does not suffer for the want of funds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.7</p>