

Growth of Food Processing Sector

2207. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of sector-wise growth in food processing sector during Eighth Plan Period;

(b) whether growth in the marine fisheries sector has been quite slow; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUNGOGI) : (a) It is envisaged that during the Eighth Plan period, the average annual growth rate of fruits and vegetable products, snack foods, consumer products, fermented foods, confectionery, milk products and processed fish products will be high, whereas growth rate of cereal products, cocoa products, soya based products, bakery products, meat and poultry products, soft drinks and waters, etc., are expected to be moderate. Other food products are also expected to have positive growth.

(b) The growth of marine fish production during the last three years is :

Year	Percentage Annual growth Rate
1991-92	6.39
1992-93	5.27
1993-94	4.43

(c) The Government is encouraging deep sea fishing and diversification of existing deep sea fishing fleet to tap the hitherto unexploited resources.

Telephone Connections in Gujarat :

[English]

2208. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone subscribers at present in Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) the number of persons on the waiting list, district-wise;

(c) the number of persons registered during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and the number of persons cut of them given telephone connections; and

(d) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be given to the remaining persons ?

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STATEMENT

DISTRICT-WISE NO. OF TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS IN GUJARAT AND NUMBER OF PERSONS ON THE WAITING LIST AS ON 30.6.94

Sl No.	Name of District	No. of Subscribers				Waiting list
		1	2	3	4	
1.	Ahmedabad			1,99,437		52,301
2.	Amreli			6,939		2,268
3.	Banaskantha (Palanpur)			16,419		4,741
4.	Bhavnagar			21,849		12,226
5.	Bharuch			20,449		4,571
6.	Dangs			322		18
7.	Gandhinagar			10,040		1,362
8.	Jamnagar			20,011		3,512
9.	Junagadh			25,284		5,068
10.	Kheda (Nadiad)			37,547		5,068

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1	2	3	4
11.	Kutch (Bhuj)	21,215	6,040
12.	Mehsana	34,230	12,045
13.	Panchmahal (Godhra)	12,263	3,527
14.	Rajkot	52,221	12,504
15.	Sadarkantha (Himatnagar)	17,675	2,433
16.	Surat	78,008	42,687
17.	Surendranagar	13,277	1,608
18.	Vadodara	57,102	26,549
19.	Valsad	24,485	10,984