

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COHESIVE PAN-INDIAN POLICY FOR FOOD PROCESSING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have stressed the need for cohesive Pan-Indian policy for food processing;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the time by which the same is likely to be formulated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Creation of employment opportunities especially in rural areas, increasing processing level of food in general and fruits and vegetables in particular and to bring about a general fillip to the processing industries are some of the thrust areas of the proposed policy.

(c): Taking into consideration the various procedures to be followed, a definite time-frame for the formulation of the Policy is difficult to envisage.