

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2360  
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FOOD PROCESSING UNITS IN TRIBAL AREAS OF ORISSA  
ANANTA NAYAK

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the absence of Food Processing Units in the tribal areas of Orissa;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to set up Food Processing Units in the tribal areas in that State during Ninth Plan;
- (c) if so, the proposal received from the State Government in that regards; and
- (d) the action taken in that matter?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Setting up of food processing industries depends upon several factors such as availability of processable varieties of raw material, their productivity, demand for processed food, cost of production and price etc.

The Department of Food processing Industries do not set up any units on their own. Under the Plan Schemes of the Department, financial assistance in the form of soft loan and grant is provided to private industries, public sector undertakings, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Research & Development Institutions etc. for the development of processed food sector. A higher quantum of assistance is provided for difficult areas which include Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas.

(c): No proposal has been received from the State Government in the above regard in the current year.

(d): Does not arise.