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SUPPORT TO FACILITATE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of food processing industries set up in Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Union Government provide support to facilitate overall growth in food processing ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): As food processing industries are both in the organized and unorganized sectors, information on the number of food processing industries set up State-wise is not centrally maintained.

(b) & (c): The Government have taken a number of policy initiatives to promote the growth of the processed food sector in the country. Under the Plan Schemes of the Department of Food Processing Industries (DFPI), which are project oriented and not State specific, financial assistance is extended to Non- Governmental Organizations, Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Private Industries, Human Resource Development and Research & Development Institutions etc. for the development of this sector. In the budget 2001-02 Excise Duty has been brought down from 16% to Zero level for processed fruits and vegetables. The Plan Schemes have been modified to provide grant to private sector enterprises against soft loan extended till now.