

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has decided to introduce information technology in the area of food processing industries;
- (b) if so, whether the removal of quantitative restrictions effective from April 1, 2001 has a major impact on the food processing industry;
- (c) the extent to which the Karnataka Government has been able to get more foreign investment for food processing industry; and
- (d) the total help the Union Government have agreed to provide for development of food processing industries in Karnataka State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA)

- (a): Government of Karnataka have informed that "BioInformatic Industries are proposed to be included in the new Industrial Promotion Policy for Agro Food Processing Industries of the State, which is under consideration".
- (b): The figures of import of major processed food items during the period April – September, 2001 do not show any major change as compared to the period April – September, 2000.
- (c): From July, 1991 to July, 2001, 91 FDI proposals with a total investment of Rs. 98.19 crores have been approved for Karnataka.
- (d): During the period 1998 – 1999 to 2000 – 2001, Rs. 328.69 lakhs has been provided as financial assistance by the Ministry for setting up food processing industries including food processing and training centres in the State of Karnataka.