

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN FPI  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been any annual estimate of the job opportunities created by the Food Processing Industries in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the achievements of Food Processing Industries in generating employment has been satisfactory; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take to make this industry truly employment- oriented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES ( SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM )

(a) to (d): Food Processing Industries are both in the organized and un-organized sectors and the annual estimate of job opportunities created is not Centrally maintained. However, a study was got conducted recently through the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). As per the finding of the study total employment in FPI in 2001 -02 is estimated at 69.85 lakhs. Further, during the 10th five year plan, as per the study growth of direct employment is expected to be 2.61% per annum if GDP grows at 8% per annum. The indirect employment generation envisaged in this sector is 3.64 times the direct employment.

According to the report of Annual Survey of Industries for 1997 - 98, employment generation in the Food & Beverages sector is the highest compared to Heavy Industry, Cotton textiles and Paper Products.