

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of food processing units as on date in the country particularly in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) the number of Government Agencies/Voluntary Organisations to whom the financial assistance has been given to set up the food processing industries;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to set up food processing industry in any district of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

( SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN )

(a) to (e): The information regarding the State-wise number of food processing industries, which are both in the organized and unorganized sectors, is not maintained Centrally. However, as per Annual Survey of Industries (1997- 98), there were 31,415 food processing units in the country in the factory sector. Out of these, 81 units are in the state of Jammu & Kashmir.

University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Jammu & Kashmir, has been provided financial assistance for setting up two Food Processing & Training Centres (FPTCs) during the last three years. Financial assistance has also been provided for setting up of one fruit juice concentrate plant at Srinagar.

Department of Food Processing Industries does not setup any food processing industry in any State. However, the Department provides financial assistance for promotion, development and growth of food processing industries.