

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

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ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP OF FPI IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to sanction Central assistance for setting up of Food Processing Industries in the rural areas for generating adequate employment and eradication of poverty in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government does not directly set up food processing industries. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various Plan schemes, which envisage provision of financial assistance in the form of grant to cooperatives, non-Governmental organisations, public sector undertakings, private sector, R&D institutions, etc., for the development of food processing industries. These plan schemes are not State or area specific.