

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCHEMES OF FPI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Central Schemes in operation under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries;
- (b) whether the industry had proposed to limit the schemes to three only;
- (c) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (d) the other Schemes formulated by the Ministry for setting up of Food Processing Industries in any part of the country including tribal areas and the benefits likely to accrue therefrom ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (d): Although 48 Plan Schemes were initially formulated by the Department of Food Processing Industries for implementation during the Ninth plan, consequent upon the discussion in the Planning Commission, some of the schemes were clubbed regrouped and 26 Schemes were implemented during 1997-98. As a result of certain changes subsequently, during 2000-01, 21 Schemes are being implemented.

The thrust areas of the Plan assistance are :

- (i) Establishment of post harvest infrastructure particularly cold chain facilities.
- (ii) Industrial Estates/Parks.
- (iii) Setting up/expansion/modernization of food processing industries.
- (iv) Research & Development.
- (v) Human Resource Development.

The benefits accruing from the Schemes will include generation of employment opportunities, reduction in post-harvest wastages, increase in income etc. The Schemes are for the development of processed food sector though out the country. However, increased quantum of assistance under the Plan Schemes is envisaged for "difficult areas" which include Integrated Tribal Development Project Areas.