

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6177  
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PROPAGATION OF LOW COST PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

(a) the programme being implemented by his ministry under the propagation of the low cost preservation technology and criteria for providing loan, grants and financial assistance aid alongwith details of contribution of State Governments; and

(b) the funds allocated to Rajasthan under the propagation of the low cost preservation technology during the last three years, year-wise and programme/scheme-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is not operating any scheme specifically for the propagation of low cost preservation technology. The Ministry promotes food- processing industries through a combination of policy initiatives and plan schemes. Through its plan schemes the Ministry extends financial assistance by way of grant upto 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas. The criteria adopted by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for extending financial assistance is the technical and financial viability of proposals received in the Ministry. Financial assistance extended under the Plan schemes of the Ministry is limited and does not preclude the project getting finances from external agencies including from State Governments. Details regarding contributions made by State Governments to projects are not being maintained.

(b) No application was received from Rajasthan for financial assistance for propagation of low cost preservation technology during the last three years.