

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

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

- (a) whether the Food Processing Industries running in various States are becoming sick due to burden of Government taxes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons for these industries becoming sick; and
- (d) the percentage of such industries which have become sick upto March, 2003?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Food Processing Industries operate both in the organized and unorganized sectors. Information on the number of sick units State-wise is not maintained centrally. However, as per information available with BIFR, since its inception and upto 31st March, 2003, 186 food processing industries were registered with them under the provisions of Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985. Factors such as low capacity utilization, low demand in the market, inefficient management, etc. could also be responsible for poor performance of food processing industries.