

**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 Government has prepared the final draft of National Food Processing Policy, 2005;
- (b) if so, the main features of the said policy;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up area-wise specific crop Food Processing Industrial Centres to train farmers to prepare processed food item from their surplus harvesting; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has initiated action for formulating a National Food Processing Policy and for this purpose Draft Policy has been prepared which envisages, among other things, creation of enabling environment, infrastructure development, linkages with farming system etc. The proposed Draft Policy does not envisage setting up of food processing units by the Ministry. The Draft Policy further, stipulates possible measures for reduction in wastage, increase in level of processing, enhancement in value addition, generation of employment etc.

(c) & (d): A scheme for setting up of food processing training centre has already been implemented for development of rural entrepreneurship and transfer of technology by utilizing locally grown raw material and providing 'hand on' experience at such production cum training centres. The scheme is project specific and not area/state specific. An amount of Rs. 2.00 lakh for fixed capital cost and Rs. 1.00 lakh as revolving seed capital is provided for setting up of a single product line centre and an amount of Rs. 7.50 lakh for fixed capital cost and Rs. 2.00 lakh as revolving seed capital for multi product line centres. NGOs, cooperatives individual firms, government & semi government agencies can be assisted in the setting up of such centres.