

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

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NATIONAL POLICY FOR FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to bring a National Policy for the Food Processing Industry (FPI);
- (b) if so, whether the committee constituted for this purpose has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by when the policy is likely to be announced;
- (d) whether the Government have earmarked any National Fund for development of the food processing sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The draft National Food Processing Policy was considered by a Group of Ministers constituted by the Government. Taking into consideration the various procedures to be followed including wide range consultations with various stakeholders, a definite time frame for the announcement of the Policy is difficult to envisage.

(d) & (e): No, sir. Investment in the food processing sector has to essentially come from private sources, both domestic and foreign. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance under Plan Schemes to private industries, public sector undertakings, non- governmental organizations, cooperatives etc. for development of Food Processing Sector.