

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:819  
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BISCUIT INDUSTRIES  
Munshiram Shri

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any action plan to give the status of Food Processing Industry (FPI) to Biscuit industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to declare any financial package for the development of this industry after including into the FPI; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Food processing industry already includes biscuit industry. Plan schemes have been formulated to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries. Quantum of assistance for establishment/modernization of food processing units including biscuit units is 25% of costs of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs and Rs. 75 lakhs respectively.