

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to set up more number of milk processing plants with Central assistance during Eleventh Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal mooted in that regard and funds earmarked therefor; and
- (c) the details of the Central assistance proposed to be provided to various States for setting up of milk processing plants in that plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C)(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (c) The Milk and Milk products processing in Dairy sector plays a vital role in rural economy since the Dairying is a major source of income for farmers of India. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) is promoting organized Dairy processing sector to accomplish upcoming demands of processed dairy products and helping to identify various areas of research for future product development, scalable efficient technologies and quality improvement to revamp the Indian dairy processing sector for domestic as well as export market by way of providing financial assistance to the dairy processing units. MFPI provides financial assistance under its plan scheme 'Setting up/Modernization/ Expansion of food processing industries' which includes the Milk and Milk processing plants also. The financial assistance is 25% of the cost of Plant and machineries and technical civil work subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs. In case of difficult areas the financial assistance is 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs.75.00 Lakhs.

The Dairy Technology Institutes, National Dairy Research Institute etc. are being provided financial assistance under R&D Scheme of MFPI in order to develop specialized milk products having appeal in the domestic and international market and for upgradation of their processing technologies.

Strict processing standards in Dairy industry against adulterants, contaminants and microbiological counts require to be followed. Therefore, for promotion of HACCP, GMP processing lines in Dairy industry with Modern Laboratory infrastructure, financial assistance is being provided under the scheme of Quality Assurance, Codex standards.

The total funds earmarked for the scheme of setting up/modernization/ expansion of food processing Industries during the 11th plan is Rs. 600.00 Crores. Including that for milk processing plants in various States. Besides, in the 11th plan it is proposed to provide financial assistance to Dairy sector under the Cold Chains component of the scheme for Infrastructure Development for food processing industries.