

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

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WOMEN EMPLOYEES IN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) the number of women employees in food processing sector at present;
- (b) whether Government has launched any scheme to provide maximum employment to women in the food processing industries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The Ministry of FPI does not maintain data on the Gender Composition of the workforce in Food Processing Sector in the country.
- (b) to (c): In the 11th Plan, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various schemes to encourage investment in the food-processing sector for development of the sector. The proposals can be submitted by potential investors under the following schemes for availing Financial Assistance:
 - (i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development for Food Processing Sector – Mega Food Parks.
 - (ii) Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure.
 - (iii) Scheme for Modernization of Abattoirs.
 - (iv) Scheme for Human Resource Development.
 - (v) Scheme for Setting-up/Expansion of Food Processing Industries.
 - (vi) Scheme for Setting-up/Upgradation of Food Testing/Quality Control Laboratories. The beneficiaries of projects assisted by the Ministry are those supplying raw materials to food processing industries, people working in food processing plants and those engaged in marketing activities downstream. The benefit accruing to women from these schemes has not been quantified.