

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
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 is considering to bring meat processing industry to reach global quality standards;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) The initiatives taken by the National Meat and Poultry Processing Board (NMPPB) to enhance the value added meat food products and commercially viable utilization of slaughter house by- products;and
- (d) The details of various financial schemes intended to support meat processing units?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Government of India has set up National Meat and Poultry Processing Board (NMPPB) on 19.02.2009 to give boost to the Indian meat and poultry industry and to bring it up at par with the global quality standards.
- (c): The NMPPB has organized two conferences/seminars/workshop/meat workers training i.e. one at New Delhi and another at Nammakal & Tiruchengode during the months of November, 2009 and December, 2009 respectively to create the awareness among the stakeholders on the need of developing the industry in a scientific manner so as to ensure the supply of good quality and hygienic meat to the consumers. Moreover, The NMPPB has also participated in national as well as international exhibitions to promote the activities of the Board. The setting up of a Food Testing Laboratory at New Delhi is also in process so as to ensure that they meet the food safety standards. This laboratory would be commenced by 31st March, 2010. The Board has also drawn short term as well as long term action plans to achieve the objectives of the Board for which it has been established. The main action plans, inter-alia, includes Capacity Building-training of Supervisors/officers of Municipal Commissioners/State Governments and workers engaged in Meat & Poultry sector, 360° Awareness Campaign, Research & Development. Standardization of meat shops, Meat workers (Butchers) welfare programme, etc. A panel of consultants for the sector is also being prepared by the Board. The Board is also taking steps to standardize the technology, equipments and cost of various sizes of slaughter houses keeping in mind to make the slaughter houses more environment friendly and non-polluting as well as full commercial utilization of the by-products.
- (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/ Expansion of food processing industries including meat processing units.