

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes an investment of Rs. One lakh crore into the food processing sector by 2015;
- (b) if so, the details worked out so far for the remaining Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (c) the suggestions made by each State in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): As per the Vision 2015 document of the Ministry, investments to the tune of Rs. 100,000 crore are required to achieve the targets specified in the Vision for the year 2015. Of these, investments worth Rs. 10,000 crore are expected from Government sector and Rs.45, 000 crore each from financial institutions and the private sector.

(b) & (c): In order to attract the level of investments required, the Ministry has urged all the state governments to take measures that would seek to address procedural bottlenecks in attracting private sector investment, create a conducive policy environment by having a separate food processing policy, better brand building, promote R&D for having high processable varieties, skill development and strengthening rural farmgate infrastructure. During the 1st Conference of State Food Processing Ministers held on 6-10-2009, the state governments had unanimously expressed the need to have adequate policy initiatives in these areas so as to boost the level of investments in the sector.