

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN BIHAR

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

- (a) the total number of food processing industries and food parks in Bihar at present;
- (b) the financial assistance provided for the development of food processing industries and food parks in Bihar during the last three years;
- (c) the details of foreign exchanges earned therefrom during the last three years in Bihar; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve infrastructure and develop the food processing industries in Bihar?

**Answer**

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

(a): Food Processing Industries are set up both in organized and unorganized sectors and as such data on the number of food processing units in the country including Bihar is not centrally maintained by the Ministry. However, as per competitiveness report on "Enhancing Competitiveness of Indian Manufacturing Industry, March 2009" published by National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, Government of India, the total number of registered food processing units in Bihar is 191. One Food Park was approved by Ministry in Bihar during 10th Plan period.

(b): 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. During last three years, no financial assistance has been extended for Food Parks in Bihar by the Ministry. The financial assistance extended to the food processing industries under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries in Bihar during last three years are as under:-

Year	No. of units	Financial assistance
		extended (Rs. in lakhs)

2007-08	5	83.91
2008-09	2	42.30
2009-10	2	44.50

(as on  
02.03.2010)

(c): Data on foreign exchange earned during last three years in Bihar is not maintained by this Ministry. However, as per the information maintained by Agricultural & Processed Food Products Exports Development Authority (APEDA), statement of quantity of processed food exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years in the country are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Quantity (in MT)	Value (in Rs. lakhs)
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1.	2007-08	17404725	3138834
2.	2008-09	14101966	3580562
3.	2009-10	5686372	1630971

(April-Sept.)

(d): To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities and backward linkages in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan to provide financial assistance to project proposals received from public / private organizations for cold chain infrastructure development. The scheme

envisages financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for North Eastern Region and difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs.10.00 crore. The initiatives are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure, establishing value addition with infrastructural facilities like sorting, grading, packaging and processing for horticulture including organic produce, marine, dairy, poultry, etc. MFPI has been mandated to take up 10 such project proposals in first phase, out of which one project namely M/s Ganga dairy has been sanctioned in Bihar State.