

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CROP PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government has set up Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu:
- (b) If so, the details alongwith the services provided in the Institute;
- (c) Whether it is proposed to upgrade the Institute as world class and expand the same further in the near future; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Paddy Processing Research Centre (PPRC) was started in 1967 and was upgraded to a National Level Institute i.e. Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) on 19.2.2008. The followings are the services offered by IICPT: -

- # Research and Development for indentifying technologies for preservation, processing and value addition of raw agricultural commodities
- # Human resource development for food processing sector by offering B.Tech., M.Tech. and Ph.d. programs in food processing
- # Testing food and organic samples in NABL accredited laboratory of the institute
- # Incubation facilities for new and experienced entrepreneurs and self help group members on food processing businesses
- # Short term training on analytical instruments handling
- # Consultancy services to stake holders for establishing new food processing businesses or modernization of existing businesses
- # Consultancy and turnkey project services for creating new food sample testing laboratories
- # Outreach activities though out the country for popularizing food processing technologies and to create awareness on the benefits of venturing in food processing career and businesses.
- # Project guidance for research students in related disciplines

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. The Institute is being upgraded as world class institute by improving upon its infrastructure facilities, research and teaching facilities and by collaborating with many international institutions. The infrastructure development include administrative block, five R&D blocks, staff quarters and student hostels and international laboratories with modern equipments for research and teaching. The institute has already entered into MoUs with the University of Manitoba, Canada and University of Nebraska, Lincoln, USA. The institute is also proposing to enter into MoUs with related universities like the Mc.Gill Unviersity and University of Saskatchewan, Canada; and Colorado State University, Oklahoma State University and University of California, Davis, USA. The institute proposes to send their students for short term trainings to the Universities with whom they have already signed MoUs.