

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

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

- (a) whether Government of Kerala has requested for financial assistance for setting up of Food Quality Monitoring Laboratory (FQML) at Konni, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to release second instalment of Rs. 2.5 crores and an additional fund of Rs. 15 crores for the completion of this project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has approved the proposal of Council for Food Research & Development for setting up of Food Quality Monitoring Laboratory by at Konni, Kerala with a grant-in-aid of Rs. 5.00 crore.

(c) to (e): Council for Food Research & Development requested for release of the second installment. Since during the 11th plan the grant is released in three installments, the Project Approval Committee has directed to release the grant in three installments. Accordingly, the second installments of Rs. 137.52 lakh was released on 23/3/2010. Council for Food Research & Development has not submitted any request for release of additional fund of Rs. 15.00 crore.