

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

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SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS FOR FOOD PROCESSING

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

(a) whether separate departments relating to food processing are proposed to be set up in States so that such labour intensive and pro-farmer activities are made more effective; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The formulation of separate department relating to food processing is the subject matter of the State Governments. The State Food Processing Ministers' Conference was organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 06.10.2009 to give a push for uniform policy for the growth of Food Processing Industries. Taking into consideration out come of the conference, this Ministry has urged all the State Governments/ Union territories to consider setting up separate department of food processing for catering to specific needs of the respective states/Union territories.