

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:165

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UPGRADATION OF TECHNOLOGY FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the technology of food processing industries in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide any incentives to the State Governments and private entrepreneurs in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether foreign funding has also been sought for this purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): To upgrade the technology of Food Processing Industries, the Government extends financial assistance in the country in the form of grants-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs @ 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. The Ministry release the funds in the shape of grants-in-aid to the agencies/ entrepreneurs depending upon the availability of funds within the budget provision on year to year basis.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.