

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROCESSING OF SOYABEANS AND POTATOES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes for promotion of Soyabeans and Potatoes processing in the country;
- (b) the financial assistance provided for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether any public sector enterprise working in processing of Soyabeans and Potatoes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the country in the form of grant-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 Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of food processing industries, which alongwith other sectors also cover soyabeans & Potatoes in the category of fruit and vegetable processing.

The details of financial assistance provided for the units pertaining to fruit and vegetables including soyabean and potato during last three years State-wise is as per Annexure-1

(c) & (d): The data on public sector enterprises working in processing of soyabeans and potatoes is not centrally maintained in the Ministry. National Research Centre on Soyabean, Directorate of Soya Research, Indore (MP) and Central Potato Research Institute, Kufri, Distt Shimla (HP), are the existing organizations under the administrative control of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). However, there is no public sector enterprise working in processing of soyabeans and potatoes under the administrative control of the Ministry.