

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:67
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2010
SKILLED MANPOWER IN FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a proposal to set up a dedicated fund and a high level panel for faster development of the Food Processing Industry (FPI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether a recent study has revealed that the food processing sector is reeling under acute shortage of skilled manpower;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to engage skilled personnel in this sector to raise its competitiveness?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.67 FOR ANSWER ON 29-07-2010 REGARDING SKILLED MANPOWER IN FPI

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The Ministry has not received any proposal to set up a dedicated fund and a high level panel for faster development of the food processing industries.

(c) to (e): As per the "Study on mapping of human resource skill gaps in India till 2022" conducted by ICRA Management Consulting Services Ltd. for National Skill Development Corporation in October 2009, the available skilled human resource supply in the organized sector in food processing, for the period 2008-2014, is 20400 on an annual basis as compared to an annual demand of 112,633. This requirement is estimated to be over 5.3 lakh if the un-organised sector is also taken into account.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the "Scheme of Human Resource Development" having sub-components of Creation of infrastructural facilities in universities/colleges, EDPs, Setting up of Food Processing Training Centres (FPTCs) and Training at recognized institutes. The objective of the scheme is to develop technologists, managers and entrepreneurs in this sector. Apart from the above, there are two institutions under the administrative control of this Ministry – Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) and National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurs and Management(NIFTEM) that aim to fill the gaps in the demand for skilled human resource for this sector.