

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage the Food Processing Industries in the country particularly in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the policy / initiatives taken so far in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to create more marketing avenues at global level within and outside the country for the processed food;and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction and the salient features of the proposed scheme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country including rural areas viz. i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with major components i.e. Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Modernization of Abattoirs and Value Added Centres, ii) Setting up of Technology Upgradation/Modernisation/ Expansion of FPI, iii) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and R&D iv) Scheme for Human Resource Development, v) Scheme for Strengthening of Institution and vi) Scheme for Upgradation of Quality of Street Food.

Ministry extends financial assistance in the form of grants-in- aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas or 33% subject to a maximum of Rs.75 lakhs in difficult areas under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernisation/Expansion of food processing industries.

Government has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of Food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support of R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries. Moreover, the Government has taken several steps like tax reduction, waiver/reduction of excise duty, reduction of custom duty on specific food items with a view to encourage the growth of Food Processing Industries and make them more competitive. Further, the Ministry under its Plan Scheme of establishing Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points(HACCP), Promotion of Research and Development, Capacity Building and Human Resources Development provide assistance to food processing industries to enable them to compete in the international market.

(c) & (d): The Ministry has taken various initiatives and is implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries including technology Upgradation to match the international standards and make them globally competitive, with a view to increase the export the food processing products. This Ministry has no specific mandate for development of marketing avenues at domestic and global level.