

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE BASED INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage of people who earn their livelihood from agriculture and agriculture based industries in the country including the hilly areas of Uttarakhand, State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of the contribution of agriculture based industries to the country's economy;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any additional measures for promotion of agriculture based industries;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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- (a): The information has been tabulated in Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.
  - (b): The contribution of agriculture based industries to the country's economy in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is 1.18% (at 2004-05 prices) for the year 2008-09. Annexure-III depicts industry classification-wise details of contribution to the GDP.
  - (c) & (d): The Government is implementing several Plan Schemes through the Ministry of Food Processing Ministry to provide financial assistance for the Establishment and Modernization of Food Processing Units, Development of Infrastructure, 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. The Government has taken several fiscal incentive measures such as 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 these more competitive. The Government has also taken steps to focus on putting in place new institutions and strengthening up of existing institutional mechanisms for human resources development in the food processing sector as well as towards undertaking developmental activities in areas such grapes, meat and poultry processing. The initiatives taken by the Food Processing Ministry also include Establishment of a National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Setting up of Indian Grape Processing Board, Setting up of National Meat and Poultry Processing Board, Strengthening of Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) and Strengthening of State Nodal Agencies (SNA).
- Besides this, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is also implementing various schemes for promotion of export of agricultural and processed food products with a view to maximize foreign exchange earning through increased export of agro products, to provide better income to the farmers and to create employment opportunities in rural areas by encouraging value added export of farm produce.