

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

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

(a) the details of the Food Processing Units in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh to which financial assistance have been provided during the year 2009-10 and the current financial year; and

(b) the efforts being made to set up food processing units in Sagar district during the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a): Food Processing Industries are set up both in organized and unorganized sectors and as such data on the number of food processing units in the country is not centrally maintained by the Ministry. However, as per competitiveness report of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, Government of India, total 517 registered food processing units are functioning in Madhya Pradesh including Sagar District. However, under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, the only State-wise data of units assisted by the Ministry is maintained including those of Madhya Pradesh.

The Ministry has extended the financial assistance during the year 2009-10 and 2010-11 as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)		
Name of State	2009-10	2010-11 (as on date)
	Amount released	Amount released
Madhya Pradesh	273.03	128.96

(b): The Government has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes 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 them more competitive. The Ministry 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 as grapes, meat and poultry processing. The initiatives of the Ministry includes 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).