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NIFTEM

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

- (a) whether the National Institute of Food Technology and Entrepreneurship Management (NIFTEM) provides courses in Food Science and Food Technology from the 2010-11 academic session;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the appointments in NIFTEM are being made on short term basis;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make NIFTEM a world class institution and appointments made through Government agencies viz. ICAR, UPSC etc.?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government has approved setting up of National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) on 31-08-2006. It is being established on a 100 acre plot at Kundli, District Sonapat, Haryana. The Institute is to function as an apex national level institution of world class in the area of basic research in food science and food technology, running academic course leading to the degrees of B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D in the field of Food Technology and Management, promoting entrepreneurship and providing experiential learning with strong industry linkages.

The mandate of NIFTEM is to –

Undertake frontier and inter disciplinary research in areas of relevance to the sector;

Provide industry friendly short-term courses, including regular degree and management courses leading upto B. Tech, M. Tech & Ph.D programmes, for developing HRD resources for the food processing sector;

To interact and work with all stakeholders, namely, industry, Government and consumers so as to remain economically viable and socially relevant and guide the growth of the food processing sector along healthy and modern lines.

To run various size of Incubation Centres & Pilot Plants for enabling the Industry to incubate their ideas.

Promote cooperation and networking amongst existing institutions both within the country and international bodies, create a complete data base on domestic resources and bring in international best practices for improving the food processing sector;

Cooperate in setting standards as well as protocols for testing of food with capacities developed in the aforesaid areas, assist Government in policy formation and regulatory framework;

The Institute has been established to meet the industry's demand for setting up a centre of global excellence for the food processing sector in the country so as to meet the demand for a cadre of world-class food scientists and technologists in frontier areas of food science and food management. The Institute would play a pivotal role in enhancing the farmer's income, increasing employment in rural and urban areas, generating income and integrating India with global food trade. The course curriculum has been uniquely designed and would meet the international standards. The NIFTEM offers the following Courses:

Undergraduate Degree - B.Tech (Food Technology & Management) - 4 Years

Postgraduate Degree - M.Tech (Food Technolog & Management) - 2 Years

Integrated Graduate Degree - 5 Years

(B.Tech + PG Diploma in Food Business Management)

l) Master of Food Processing and Food Business Management

II) Master of Food Processing

(c) & (d): Steps have been taken for obtaining De Novo/Deemed University status from the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Government has sanctioned a total of 46 academic and non-academic posts for NIFTEM in respect of which action has already been initiated for framing of Recruitment Rules and filling up of these posts as per guidelines prescribed by Department of Personnel & Training.

(e): According to the vision statement of the Ministry, NIFTEM will be an international centre of excellence which will integrate all facets of food technology, entrepreneurship, research and management and be recognized as focal point for catalyzing the growth of the food processing industries in India with respect to the global scenario. Unlike the existing food science institutes in India, NIFTEM will have equal focus on education, research and business incubation. NIFTEM would actively collaborate with the world's best institutions to promote development of path breaking technologies which are relevant in the global changed scenario. Exposure to global best practices and industry needs will enable NIFTEM to become an international centre of excellence. The institutional building, the lab infrastructure and designing of course curriculum for NIFTEM has been developed so as to cater to the needs of Global Best Practices.