

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

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FPI IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Food Processing Industries functioning in the North-Eastern States and Sikkim at present, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more Food Processing Industries in the North-Eastern States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial assistance provided for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote and developed FPI, in the North-Eastern Region?

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 including North Eastern States is not centrally maintained by the Ministry. However, as per report of the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, Government of India, the total number of registered food processing units in North Eastern States and Sikkim are as under:

Sl.No. Name of the States Number of registered Food Processing Units

1.	Assam	897
2.	Tripura	50
3.	Nagaland	16
4.	Meghalaya	13
5.	Manipur	12
6.	Sikkim	0

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant & machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries. The details of the financial assistance extended under the Scheme to the units in North East States including Sikkim, State-wise during last three year are as under:-

(Rs.in lakh)

Name of the State	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Assistance	Assistance	Assistance	Assistance

Arunachal Pradesh 0 0 1 17.67 0 0

Assam 2 61.81 17 176.79 8 81.83

Manipur 2 77.62 3 45.51 6 126.74

Meghalaya 1 29.57 2 159.57 2 47.28

Mizoram	0	0	0	0	1	11.00		
Nagaland	0	0	4	178.205	0	0		
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Tripura	1	26.12	1	13.86	0	0		
Total	6	195.12	28	591.605	17	266.85		

(d): Government has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of Food processing units in the country including North-Eastern Region i.e. 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 fiscal incentive measures 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.

Under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of FPIs Ministry has decided to designate all the Regional Managers of Banks in the North-Eastern Region to act as Focal Point Bank to process the proposals from North Eastern Region for more effective implementation of the scheme.