

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has planned for planting of seabuckthorn, which are rich source of nutrition and medicines, for both greening of the area and creating livelihoods in the Himalayan alpine and cold desert zones;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of incentives being given by the Government in this regard, and the annual capacity for processing of seabuckthorn berries established in the country so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) do not provide any incentives for the planting of seabuckthorn. However, National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Medicinal Plants under which incentives are provided for cultivation of medicinal plants including seabuckthorn in identified clusters through Growers, Self Help Groups, Producer Companies Growers Cooperatives etc. The scheme is implemented through the State Horticulture Department and State Medicinal Plants Boards at State level. Under this scheme, subsidy @ 50% of cultivation cost to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- per Hectare is provided for cultivation of seabuckthorn. Moreover, financial assistance @ 25% of the project cost limited to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakh is also available as back ended subsidy for setting up of value addition and processing unit like a solvent extraction / distillation unit, for production of value added items. The plant has also been included under the programme of resource augmentation undertaken under the Central Sector Scheme for conservation, development and sustainable management of medicinal plants, in states of J&K, Sikkim and Uttarakhand. The data regarding annual capacity for processing of seabuckthorn berries is not maintained centrally by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.