

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4994

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IICPT

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

- (a) the details of courses offered and the number of students trained in the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT), Thanjavur since its inception;
- (b) whether the IICPT is sending its students for overseas training and research;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to further expand and modernize the above Institute and to increase its manpower requirements;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): The details of courses offered from 2008-2009 academic year and student's intake at the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) are as follows:

Sl. No.	Courses offered	Students strength
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1.	B.Tech (Food Process Engineering)	40 Nos.
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2.	M.Tech (Food Process Engineering)	10 Nos.
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3.	Ph.D.	5 Nos.
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Since the courses are on offer from 2008-2009 academic year, no student has graduated so far.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The institute has entered into MoU with the University of Manitoba, Canada; University of Saskatchewan, Canada and University of Nebraska, USA. During the 2009-2010 academic year, three students were sent to University of Manitoba, Canada for training and research for 6 months. Three students are being sent to University of Saskatchewan for training and research for 4 months.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Union Finance Minister in the budget speech for 2006-07 mentioned that, "The Paddy Processing Research Centre (PPRC) at Thanjavur will be developed into National Institute. Accordingly, a review of the functioning of PPRC was done in 2006 by an expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pitam Chandra, Assistant Director General, Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR). The Committee recommended that PPRC be upgraded to a National Institute with a mandate and responsibility to address post harvest processing and value addition needs of the crops of wetlands and storm/cyclone/flood affected areas including Plantain crops, spices and other important crops. Accordingly, PPRC is being upgraded as a National Institute at a total cost of Rs. 88.49 Crores and creation of 28 additional posts with the approval of the Competent Authority. The institute has been named as Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) from 18.02.2008

The Phase-IA of building of IICPT has been completed and inaugurated by Union Minister, Ministry of Food Processing Industries on 06.03.2010.

Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) is already functioning as a National Institute since 18.02.2008.

(f): Does not arise.