

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EMPLOYMENT IN FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of generation of employment in food processing sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan in the rural areas and urban areas particularly for women, area-wise:
- (b) the details thereof as compared to other countries; and
- (c) the future action plan prepared for the remaining period of Eleventh Five Year Plan for backward areas of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a): No specific area-wise and gender-wise employment figures in food processing sector are maintained in the Ministry. However, the Food Processing sector in India generates significant employment opportunities in creating direct as well as indirect employment. A large number of labour-force ranging from landless labour to highly skilled personnel are required for the sector. It is estimated that for every Rs. One Crore invested, it creates 18 jobs directly and 64 jobs indirectly in the organized sector and 20 jobs in the unorganised sector across the supply chain. At present food processing sector employs about 13 million people directly and about 35 million people indirectly.

(b): The employment data of food processing sector in India vis-à-vis other important countries is at Annexure.

(c): Govt. through its various schemes for financial assistance and other promotional measures facilitates for creation of related infrastructure including processing facilities aimed at reducing wastages, enhancing value addition, increasing shelf life and employment opportunities.

During 11th Plan, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has approved one Mega Food Parks in Andhra Pradesh at Chittoor District with a total assistance of Rs.50.00 Crore, with a view to provide state-of-the art infrastructure for food processing in the cluster with a strong backward and forward linkage and to provide value addition of agricultural commodities including poultry, meat, dairy, fishers etc. in a demand driven manner. Ministry has also approved one Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation project in Andhra Pradesh with a total assistance of Rs.9.75 Crore. Ministry has approved setting up/up-gradation/ expansion of 159 Food Processing Units in the State apart from 59 Entrepreneur Development Programs (EDP), 12 Food Processing Training Centres (FPTC), 1 Food Testing/Quality Control Laboratory and 2 Food Technology courses in Universities/Colleges, to provide financial assistance which would generate employment opportunities in the State.

Ministry has adopted Vision 2015, which aims to triple the size of food sector in 10 year's time by increasing the level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global food trade from 1.5% to 3%.