

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

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SELF HELP GROUPS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to give priority to farmers, self-help groups and women for providing grant- in-aid for setting up food processing industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The guidelines of the Ministry for the Scheme of setting up of food processing industries clearly mentions that the sanctions under the Scheme to Women, SC/ST should be given priority. It has further been decided that Self- Help Groups (SHGs) and Farmer Associations/ Organisations should also be given priority under the Scheme.

(b): Various concerned Ministries of Government of India have been requested to promote Self Help Groups (SHGs) by way of linking them with assistance provided by Ministry of Food Processing Industries under Scheme of Technology Upgradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries.

In all the Investor Meets, Bankers meetings and review meetings of State Nodal Agencies held by the Ministry from time to time, special emphasis is given to promote SHGs, Women and Farmer Associations/ Organisations to avail the benefits under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation / Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries.

(c): The details of the financial assistance under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation / Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries provided to various units in the country, State-wise during last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 is at Annexure.