

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

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

- (a) whether a large amount of agricultural food produce are wasted in the country due to lack of sufficient processing facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of food processing capacity / facilities required in terms of quantity and investment, State-wise;
- (d) the present food processing capacity/ facilities available in the country, State-wise;and
- (e) the steps taken to achieve the required capacity in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per a study conducted by the Central Institute for Post Harvest Engineering & Technology, Ludhiana, post harvest losses in 2009 were estimated to be Rs.44,000 crore.

(c): As per the Vision 2015 document of the Ministry, it has been estimated that an investment of Rs.1,00,000 crore shall be required, from 2005 to 2015, to increase the processing levels of perishables to 20%, value addition to 35% and share in global trade to 3%. No state-wise estimates are available.

(d): The Ministry does not maintain data on such capacities/facilities in the country. However, as per a March 2009 report by National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council on 'Enhancing Competitiveness of the Indian Manufacturing Industry "Assistance in Policy Making', there were 25,352 registered food processing factories in operation in the country.

(e): The Ministry is implementing a number of plan schemes to assist the entrepreneurs in setting up food processing capacities/facilities in the country.