

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

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GROWTH OF FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

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

- (a) the growth rate of food processing sector during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the growth rate during the said period has been very slow;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government has invited private sector investments in this sector;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the extent to which the food processing sector is likely to be benefited thereby?

**Answer**

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

(a): The average annual growth of food processing sector was 7% in 2004 which has gone up to over 14% in 2010. The data for the State-wise growth rate are not maintained by the Ministry.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. The growth rate of the sector has been generally satisfactory.

(d) to (f): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector by providing assistance to entrepreneurs so as to encourage private investment in the sector. These schemes are i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with major components i.e. Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Value Added Centres, Preservation Infrastructure & Modernization of Abattoirs, ii) Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernization of FPIs, iii) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and R&D iv) Scheme for Human Resource Development, v) Scheme for Strengthening of Institution and vi) Scheme for Upgradation of Quality of Street Food.