

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

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

- (a) whether the Government extends financial assistance to agencies/ entrepreneurs from regions rich in agricultural produce including vegetables and fruits for setting up food processing industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the policy adopted in regard to setting up of food processing industries;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set-up food processing industries in the Northern part of West Bengal; and
- (e) if so, the measures taken in this regards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 175 FOR 8th MARCH 2011 REGARDING FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, Ministry extends financial support under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries to entrepreneurs through out the country for vegetables and fruits as well as other sectors namely dairy, consumer and bakery, grain milling, meat and poultry, wine, fish processing.. The Ministry extends grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and @33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. The scheme of setting up food processing industries is for both setting up of new food processing units as well as Technological Upgradation and Expansion of existing units in the country.

(c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is concerned with formulation and implementation of the policies and plan for the food processing industries within the overall national priorities and objective. The Ministry acts as a catalyst for bringing in greater investment into this sector, guiding and helping the industry, and creating a conducive environment for healthy growth of the food processing industry. Within these overall objectives, the Ministry aims at: -

Better utilization and value-addition of agricultural produce.

Minimising wastage at all stages in the food processing chain by development of infrastructure for storage, transportation and processing agro-produce.

Induction of modern technology into the food processing industries.

Encouraging R&D in food processing for product and process development.

Providing policy support, promotional initiatives and facilities to promote value added exports.

Create the critical infrastructure to fill the gaps in the supply chain from farm to consumer.

(d) & (e): The Ministry does not setup any food processing industries on its own. Under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries, the entrepreneurs apply for grant-in-aid as per guidelines. The applications are accordingly processed. The details of such application received during 11th Plan period from West Bengal is at annexure "A".