

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

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

- (a) whether a dynamic food processing infrastructure from farm to market was envisaged in the XI Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which achievements have been made in this regard;
- (c) whether the research and development activities in food processing sector are being financed both from public and private sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether standardisation of processed food, packing, improvement in shelf life, detection of biological and chemical contamination, etc. are being dealt with effectively; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector i.e.i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with major components i.e. Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Modernization of Abattoirs and Value Added Centres, ii) Setting up of Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Expansion of FPI,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.

As a result of concerted efforts and focused approach the food processing sector is growing at an average rate of approximately 13.5% per annum.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Simultaneously Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Scheme for (i) Research & Development in processing food sector (ii) setting Up/Upgradation of Quality Control/Food Testing Laboratories (iii) Implementation of HACCP/ISO 22000, ISO 14000/GHP/GMP quality/safety management systems is providing financial assistance as grant-in-aid under the sub-component for Research & Development in the Food Processing Sector.

R & D Projects assisted during 11th Plan

Sl. Year No. of Assistance provided
No. Project (Rs.In Lakhs)

1.	2007-08	09	259.355
2.	2008-09	16	481.300
3.	2009-10	15	414.373
4.	2010-11	18	522.652

(Upto Feb.
2011)

Total 1677.680

(e) & (f): Standardization of processed food and other safety aspects is being regulated by newly formed Food Safety & Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) under the Ministry Health & Family Welfare.