

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up any food processing industry including under Public Private Partnership to avoid wastage of perishable products grown in the hilly States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the alternative arrangements made therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (Dr. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a): Government provide financial assistance to entrepreneurs for setting up food processing industries to avoid wastage of perishable products to all States of the country including hilly States.
- (b) & (c): Under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance is provided in the form of Grants-in-aid to the entrepreneurs @33.33% of plant and machinery and technical civil works, subjected to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakh in the difficult areas including hilly States. Under Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States, financial assistance @50% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore (up to Rs. 1.00 crore for Upgradation of the existing units) is provided.