

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

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SETTING UP OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) the total number of food processing industries in the country, State and location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any policy to promote setting up of food processing industries in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total amount sanctioned and released for these industries State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to make the country capable to face competition in the international market?

Answer

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

(a): Food Processing Industries are set up both in organized and un-organized sector. As per the competitiveness report of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) there are 25,367 registered food processing units in the country. Details are given at Annexure- I

(b) & (c) : Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its plan scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to 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 and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas.

(d): Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries the details of financial assistance provided to the food processing units during last four years is at Annexure- II.

(e): Government has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of Food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support of R&D, Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), Human Resource Development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries. Moreover, the Government has taken several steps like tax reduction, waiver/reduction of excise duty, reduction of custom duty on specific food items with a view to encourage the growth of Food Processing Industries and make them more competitive.