

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VISION 2015 FOR FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

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

- (a) the action plan and strategy prepared by the Government to realise the targets envisaged for the growth of the food processing sector, as per Vision 2015;
- (b) the total investment required for achieving the targets; and
- (c) the areas/sectors identified by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a): As per the action plan prepared by the Government to realize the targets set for the growth of the food processing sector, as per Vision 2015, the 11th Plan Schemes have been restructured with appropriate management/implementation arrangements with strong project implementation capabilities. Also it was decided to decentralize the scheme for technology upgradation/modernization/setting up of food processing units to be operated through nearby Banks in place of State Nodal Agencies to provide back-ended financial assistance. The new integrated approach would not only address the issue of putting in place the required infrastructure along the supply chain and financial assistance but also skill development, entrepreneurship development, institutional development and provide a policy environment that would attract investments in the sector which would ultimately stimulate growth. The Core elements of the strategy are better project selection, development and implementation, decentralized cluster based development, particularly for creation of infrastructure and fostering linkages to retail outlets, industry led capacity building and upgradation of standards, an integrated food law and science based food standards.

(b): As per Vision 2015 Document of the Ministry, investment to the tune of Rs. 100,000 Crores is required to achieve the targets specified in the Vision for the year 2015. Of these, investment of Rs. 10,000 crores is expected from Government and Rs. 45,000 Crores each from the Financial Institutions and the Private sector.

(c): The priority areas identified for intervention as per Vision 2015 of the Ministry are, Infrastructure development like setting up of Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain, packaging & value addition along with Irradiation centers and Setting up/ Modernization of Abattoirs, Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, Human Resource Development, Research & Development, Food Safety & Quality, Setting up of Food Testing Labs, Establishment of NIFTEM, Modernization of PPRC, Thanjavur into a National level institute, Establishment of Grape Processing Board, Establishment of National Meat and Poultry Processing Board, Upgrading safety and quality of street food and establishing food streets, Implementation of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 etc.