

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

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

- (a) whether many food processing units are closing down as they do not get subsidy on time;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether small food processing industries in Gujarat are on the brink of closure; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to revive these industries?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not maintain the data on closure of any food processing units for want of financial assistance in the country including Gujarat. However, in order to assist the Small entrepreneurs and domestic agro-processing industries, the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernisation of Food Processing Industries is specifically aimed at creation of new processing capacity and up-gradation of existing processing capabilities, including Milk, Fruit & Vegetables, Meat, Poultry, fishery, wine, consumer items, oil seeds, rice milling, flour milling, pulse etc. Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant & machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas (33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in North Eastern and difficult areas).