

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government had proposed to set up new food processing centres and to assist the State Governments in setting up food processing training centres during the current year;
- (b) if so, the total fiscal assistance provided to the State Governments for setting up food processing training centres, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase food processing training centres in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) do not set up Food Processing Training Centres (FPTCs) on its own in the country. However, this Ministry provides financial assistance to Central or State Government Organizations, Educational & Training Institutions, Schools and Colleges, ITIs, NGOs, Co-operatives for setting up of Food Processing Training Centres (FPTCs) in the country.

(b): MFPI provides financial assistance of Rs. 6 lakh i.e. Rs. 4.00 lakh for fixed capital costs and Rs. 2.00 lakh as revolving seed capital for Single Product Line Centre and Rs. 15 lakh i.e. Rs. 11.00 lakh for fixed capital costs and Rs. 4.00 lakh as revolving seed capital for setting up of Multi Product Line Centre. The scheme is project oriented not state specific. No state-wise allocation under the scheme of FPTC has been made by the Ministry. However, the state wise details of financial assistance provided by the Ministry during 11th Plan for setting up of FPTCs is at Annexure.

(c): The Ministry has taken up various initiatives like conducting awareness programmes, workshops, seminars, publicity in the print media for inviting applications for setting up of Food Processing Training Centres in the country.