

**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 the Government proposes to create a separate head for the Food Processing Industries (FPI) sector to overcome problems of bank funding, to use the sector as a tool for increasing rural income and maximising returns to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the level of value addition is expected to rise by creating a separate head; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to promote food processing industry and to raise rural income?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d): Government has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of Food Processing Industries units, creation of infrastructure, support of R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries and to raise the rural income. Moreover, the Government has taken several fiscal incentive measures 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. Further, the Ministry under its Plan Scheme of establishing Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), Promotion of Research and Development, Capacity Building and Human Resources Development provide assistance to food processing industries to enable them to compete in the international market.