

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

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SEMINAR ON FPIS

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

- (a) whether the Government has organised any seminar of State Ministers of Food Processing Industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The State Food processing Ministers' Conference was organized by the Ministry of Food processing Industries on 06.10.2009. Among the issues that were discussed include development of food processing infrastructure, formulation of food processing policies, capacity building, financing for the sector, food safety & quality and institutional strengthening.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) with the intention to make concerted efforts for development and growth of food processing sector, is encouraging the State Government to frame a separate Food Processing Policy for their respective States. This aims to facilitate the States to create enabling environment for creating rural infrastructure, raise level of processing and generate farm level employment keeping in view their distinct agri produce.

Some of the States namely, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal have formulated separate State Food Processing Policy. Some of the States i.e. Punjab, Tripura, Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Orissa are having their Food Processing Policy as a part of Industrial Policy.