

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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ORGANIC FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering special schemes for entrepreneurs to set up organic and green food processing industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering special incentives for village based agro-industries using organic farming; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry has been implementing a scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of FPIs. Under the scheme Ministry extends the financial assistance for setting up of new food processing units as well as technological upgradation and expansion of existing units in the country including for setting of organic and Food Processing Industries. Ministry extends financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs per project in general areas and @ 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs per project in difficult areas in the country including rural areas.