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EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL IN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the potential for increasing the avenues of employment in the food processing industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details about employment generated through food processing industries during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the objectives envisaged and the strategies chalked out in the Vision-2015 on food processing industries for promoting employment generation during the 11th Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (c): Food Processing Industry is employment intensive. It has been estimated that for every Rs.1 crore invested, it creates 18 jobs directly and 64 indirectly in the organized sector and 20 jobs in the unorganised sector across the supply chain. As per the current data available with the Ministry, a total of about 43.18 lakh workers were employed in the food processing industries sector in the year 2005-06. Of these, around 32.24 lakhs were employed in the unregistered sector.

(d): The Ministry has adopted Vision 2015, which aims to triple the size of food sector in 10 year's time by increasing the level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global food trade from 1.5% to 3%. This would require making processed food affordable domestically and competitive globally.

The Ministry has developed a strategy to realize the vision 2015, with the objective of addressing issues of taxation, organized retail, incentivising infrastructure development, a relook at varietal availability of crops, marketing interventions and regulation, strengthening of R&D and HRD infrastructure, besides issues of food safety and regulation.