

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

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PROMOTION OF OIL PROCESSING MILLS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to promote oil-based oil processing mills in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of oil processing mills set up with Central assistance in different States;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the scope of promoting oil processing mills particularly in mustard and soyabean based mills in Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to increase the production of oil and food products based on the availability of mustard and soyabean?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): For the promotion of oil processing mills in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to all implementing agency @25% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas. In order to ensure speedy disbursement of financial assistance, the Ministry has decentralized the disbursement procedure through banks under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of Food Processing Industries w.e.f. 01.04.07. MFPI schemes are project oriented, not state specific. The proposals received from all states in the country including Rajasthan are considered for financial assistance as per guidelines. As per Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetables Oil and Fats, 152006 vegetable oil units are present in the country. The details of the units are at Annexure-I. During 10th Plan Period, MFPI has assisted 154 oil-processing units in the country out of which 16 units have been assisted in Rajasthan. Statement indicating state-wise details of oil processing units, which has been provided financial assistance under MFPI scheme is at Annexure-II.

Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India had launched Technology Mission on Oil Seeds and Pulses which aims at increasing production and productivity of the different oilseed crops through assured input supply and technology packages and develop location-specific technologies for each of the crops for maximizing production. The crops that receive priority are groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, soybean, sunflower, safflower, linseed, sesamum and niger.