

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FDI IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Food Processing Industry sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total inflow of FDI in Food Processing Sector during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has recently assessed the impact of increased inflow of FDI in this sector;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to attain self- sufficiency in this sector?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): To increase the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in food processing sector, Government has already permitted 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in all the processed food items through automatic route.

(c): Total inflow of FDI in Food Processing Sector during the last 3 years are as follows: -

Sl.No.	Year	FDI Rs in crore	FDI US Million \$
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1. 2008-09 455.59 102.71

2. 2009-10 1314.23 278.89

3. 2010-11 858.03 188.67

(d) & (e): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not conducted any such study. However, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) not only complements and supplements domestic investment but also brings state-of-art technology and best managerial practices, thereby providing better access to foreign technology to the domestic industry. Thus enabling easy integration of our Food Processing Industries with the global market.

(f): Ministry is providing financial assistance to various research institutions not only for improvement of quality and development of new products but also for innovative technologies in the Food Processing Sector for moving towards self sufficiency in respect of indigenous technology pertaining to food processing industries/sector.