

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

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN FPIS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch new food processing units and to create 10 million jobs by 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and scheme launched/being launched for this purpose; and
- (c) the funds earmarked and allocated to the States for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The Government is not planning to launch any food processing unit. However, Ministry under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of FPIs 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. 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 which also help in creation of job opportunities.

(c): The schemes implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries are project oriented and as such funds are not earmarked and allocated state-wise.