

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

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AVAILABILITY OF PROCESSED FRUIT ITEMS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated quantity of processed fruits vis-a-vis the production of fruits available in the country every year;
- (b) the rank at which the country stands in global market in producing processed fruit items;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of processed fruit items; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to ensure that processed fruit items are available adequately to general public at affordable prices?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The data on quantity of processed food in India as well as other Countries in the world vis-a vis the production of fruits available in the respective countries are not centrally maintained by Ministry of Food Processing Industry.

(c) & (d): Government has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of Food Processing Units, Creation of Infrastructure, Support to R&D, Human Resources Development, Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries.

Under the scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs in general areas or @ 33.33% subject to maximum of 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A & N Island, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas.