

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has envisaged any roadmap to harness the agricultural produces of the country including the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish a tomato processing plant near Simaria/ Balumath blocks in Chatra & Latehar districts of Jharkhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be functional; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Vision 2015 formulated by the Ministry for the whole country including Jharkhand in 2005 provides for enhancing the level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20%, enhancing value addition from 20% to 35% and increasing India's share in global food trade from 1.5% to 3% by the year 2015.

(c) to (d): No, Madam. The Government is not planning to establish a tomato processing plant near Simaria/ Balumath blocks in Chatra & Latehar districts of Jharkhand. However, Ministry under its plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of FPIs extends the financial assistance to entrepreneurs for setting up of new food processing units as well as technological upgradation and expansion of existing units in the country including Jharkhand. Under this scheme, financial assistance is extended in the form of grants-in-aid @ 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.