

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MEAT PROCESSING UNITS

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to improve the country's meat processing industry on par with international standards;
- (b) whether meat processing units in the country have set up mechanised slaughtering houses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the initiatives taken by the National Meat and Poultry Processing Board to enhance and oversee the growth of meat sector in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): During 11th Plan, this Ministry has launched a comprehensive scheme for modernization of abattoirs across the country under Infrastructure Development Scheme. Under the scheme, grant-in-aid is provided @ 50% and 75% of cost of plant & machineries and technical civil work in general and difficult areas respectively, subject to maximum of Rs. 15.00 crores for each project. The list of mechanised abattoirs assisted under the Scheme of Modernization of Abattoirs is at Annexure-I

Ministry of Food Processing Industries also extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Setting up/ Modernisation/ Expansion of Food Processing Industries including meat & poultry processing. These processing units do not have mechanized slaughter houses. The list of processing units assisted under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Setting up/ Modernisation/ Expansion of Food Processing Industries including meat & poultry processing is at Annexure-II

(d): The following initiatives have been taken by the National Meat and Poultry Processing Board (NMPPB) to enhance and oversee the growth of meat sector in the country:-

- (i) A Food Testing Laboratory has been setup.
- (ii) Two National conferences were held in New Delhi.
- (iii) Three Mayors Conference were held in New Delhi.
- (iv) It has organized Industry meets at Meerut, Kanpur, Aligarh, Moradabad, Agra, Kochi, Hyderabad and Kolkata.
- (v) Outreach activities to train the butchers in various part of the country have been under taken.
- (vi) The Board has established a consultancy division to provide sound advice to the industry.
- (vii) The Board has commissioned the following 4 studies:-

Benchmarking of Abattoirs

Quality Issues in Meat Sector

Socio-economic upliftment of Meat Industry Workers.

Greening of Meat and Poultry Processing Sector