

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1076
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HONEY BASED AGRO INDUSTRY
Singh Shri Ratan

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up any honey based industry in Rajasthan including Bharatpur area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to encourage bee-rearing in Rajasthan?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The Government does not propose to set up any honey based industry in Rajasthan including Bharatpur area. However, Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units in respect of grain, meat, poultry, egg, milk products, fish, consumer food industries and fruit and vegetable processing in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and @33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas under its plan scheme for Technology Upgradation /Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries.