

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

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TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the technology of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) in various States and to provide incentives to the State Governments and private entrepreneurs in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any foreign funding has also been sought for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there are reports of upgradation works of the said FPIs not being taken up in some States including Gujarat and Maharashtra; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries with aim to creation of new processing capacity, Upgradation of existing processing capabilities and modernization of Food Processing Sector extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grants-in-aid to the implementing agencies/entrepreneurs @ 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 Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North-Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. The implementing agencies include Central/State Government organizations/ PSUs/ NGOs/ Cooperative societies and private sector units and individuals. The details of the financial assistance provided to the agencies /entrepreneurs in the country during 11th Plan period is at Annexure-I.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.