

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

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

- (a) the number of workers employed in food processing industries in the country at present;
- (b) the number of workers out of these working in unorganized sector;and
- (c) the overall growth rate of this industry during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) & (b): As per the data available with the Ministry, a total of about 43.18 lakh workers were employed in the food processing industries sector in the year 2005-06. Of these, around 32.24 lakhs were employed in the unregistered sector.

(c): the data for the growth rate of the food processing industries during the current year 2009-10 is not available. However, the average growth rate of the food processing industries during the Tenth Plan period (upto 2006-07) was @ 14.06% at current prices and @ 7.20% at 1999-2000 prices.