

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN BIHAR

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

- (a) the total number of food processing industries conducted in Bihar at present;
- (b) whether any study or survey has been conducted to set up more food processing industries in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the scope for setting up of food processing industries in the State and the number of people likely to get employment; and
- (e) the details of production of fruits and vegetables and availability of other agricultural products in the State?

Answer

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

(a): The data on functioning food processing industries/units in the country, including that in the State of Bihar is not centrally maintained by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. The Ministry extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of food processing industries.

(b) to (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not conducted any survey for setting up food processing industries in the State of Bihar. As such there is no data available with this Ministry for assessing the scope and number of people likely to get employment as a result of setting up of such industries.

(e): The details of production of fruits and vegetables and various horticultural products in the State of Bihar during 2007-08 are as under:-

2007-08

(Production in 000 MT)

Fruits	Vegetables	Other Horticultural products
3252.4	14067.8	14.6

(Source: National Horticulture Board)