

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of packaged food items in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount/funds proposed to be allocated for the said purpose?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of food Processing Industries (MFPI) is the Nodal Ministry for promotion and Development of Food Processing Sector including packaged food items in the country. Ministry under the various schemes provides financial assistance to increase the production of packaged food items which are considered to be more safe and hygienic. Under its plan scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units 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, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas.

(c): The funds are allocated scheme – wise and as such no specific funds are earmarked for the packaged food items. During the current year under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries total Rs. 135.86 crores have been spent till 29.02.2012.