GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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FOOD PROCESSING IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government in Maharashtra for promotion of food processing industry during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise; and

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised by the State during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Government has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of Food processing units, creation of infrastructure through establishment of Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain and Abattoir support of R&D, Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), Human Resource Development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries in the country including State of Maharashtra. Moreover, the Government has taken several steps like tax reduction, waiver/reduction of excise duty, reduction of custom duty on specific food items with a view to encourage the growth of Food Processing Industries and make them more competitive in global market.

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, Uttarkhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. Details of the financial assistance provided in the State of Maharashtra during 11th Plan period is as under;

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (as on 31.12.2011)
Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)	1696.805	1802.633	1717.3	1006.524	2380.76