

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF FISH PROCESSING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been little growth in seafood production in the country during the last three years;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the development of infrastructure facilities for preservation and processing of the fishery sector in the country including coastal regions during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the amount of grants-in-aid for construction of cold storages and purchasing of fish processing plants and machinery approved during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): The data on fish production given below shows a rising trend in seafood production

(Production in 'tonnes)

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Production	7816090	7913932	8294689
% Change	-	+ 1.25%	+ 4.8%

(Source: NFDB)

In the year 2010-11, export of marine products registered a growth of 18.34% in quantity 26.90% in the rupee value and 32.39% terms of US\$, as compared to previous year (MPEDA Annual Report : 2010-11).

(c): Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries, MFPI extends financial assistance to food processing units including fruit and vegetable processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakh in general area or @33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakh in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttara khand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas

The Ministry under the Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @50% of the total plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas, and @75% subject to a maximum of Rs. 10.00 crore. The initiatives are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure, establishing value addition with infrastructural facilities like sorting, grading, packaging and processing for horticulture produce including organic produce, marine, diary poultry products etc.

(d): The assistance released as grant-in aid for development for fish processing under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries in last three years is as under –

2008-09	-	Rs.407.00 lakhs,
2009-10	-	Rs. 396.00 lakhs,
2010-11	-	Rs. 342.00 lakhs
2011-12	-	Rs.575.75 lakhs (as on 23.03.2012)

Apart from the above, the Ministry has approved a grant of Rs. 303.01 lakh in favour of M/s Mizofa Fish Seeds Farm, Mizoram in the year 2011-12 and a grant of Rs. 75, 75, 250/- has been released in 2011-12.