

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCESSED FOOD ITEMS

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

- (a) the present level of food processing in the country;
- (b) the quantity of processed and packed food items produced and consumed in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of processed food items that have emerged as major foreign exchange earners for the country;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated and utilised for processing of food items during the last one year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to promote processing of food items in the country?

Answer

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

(a): This Ministry's Vision Document, based on extensive stakeholder interviews, assessed the level of processing of perishables in 2005 to be 6 per cent. All non-perishable food commodities (tea, coffee, grains, spices etc.) have to be processed before consumption. With the objective of estimating the current level of processing using statistical techniques and Annual Survey of Industries data, a study has been awarded by this Ministry to Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi.

(b): This Ministry does not maintain data on the quantity of processed and packed foods produced and consumed in the country. However, as per National Accounts Statistics, 2011, the private final consumption expenditure of food and beverages at 2004-05 prices was Rs 785117 crores, Rs 799359 crores, and Rs 792884 crores in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively.

(c): Basmati Rice, boneless meat, corn, cane sugar and guar gum have emerged as the top five foreign exchange earners through food related exports in 2010-11. Other top foreign exchange earners were frozen shrimps, shelled groundnuts, frozen fish, tea and mango pulp. The total foreign exchange earnings from all food related exports was Rs 63733 crore in 2010-11 (Source: DGCI&S, Ministry of Commerce).

(d): During the financial year 2011-12 an amount of Rs. 550.00 crores was allocated in RE for the several schemes implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries out of which Rs. 516.85 crores has been utilized.

(e): The Government have also taken up a number of schemes for setting up of Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chains, construction and modernization of Abattoirs, technology upgradation, skill development etc. to catalyze growth in the food processing sector in the 11th Plan. A National Mission on Food Processing will be operational as a new centrally sponsored scheme from 2012-13 onwards to give further impetus to this sector through decentralization and better reach.