

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

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GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS IN FPI  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is building global competitiveness in food processing in the rural and backward regions of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the XIth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and
- (c) the response received so far from each State?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is concerned with formulation and implementation of the policies & plans for the food processing industries within the overall National priorities and objectives. The Ministry acts as a catalyst for bringing in greater investment into this sector, guiding and helping the industry, and creating a conducive environment for healthy growth of the food processing sector and for building global competitiveness including rural and backward region of the country.

(b): Ministry has formulated and is implementing several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of Food Processing Units, Creation of Infrastructure, Support to R&D, Human Resources Development, Food Testing Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries. 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. All these schemes/ incentives apply to the country as a whole.

(c): The States are actively participating in implementation of these schemes. During 11th Plan period Ministry has approved 15 Mega food Parks, 39 Cold Chain projects and also extended financial assistance to 3227 Food Processing Units in the country which will further help in building global competitiveness in food processing sector of the country.