

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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NATIONAL MISSION ON FOOD PROCESSING
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to launch a National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during the current fiscal;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the proposed NMFP;
- (c) the amount of funds approved for the purpose alongwith the details worked out so far;
- (d) whether the said Scheme will ensure better outreach and provide more flexibility to suit local needs; and
- (e) if so, the response / views of various States including Andhra Pradesh in this regard and action taken on such views / proposals to incorporate the same?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Working Group constituted on Food Processing Sector for Ministry of Food Processing Industries for 12th Five Year Plan has recommended the launch of a new centrally sponsored scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) w.e.f. 2012-13.

The salient features of the NMFP are:

(i) to realize the Ministry's next leap forward in terms of ensuing requisite growth impetus and value addition to the sector;

(ii) decentralized approach;

(iii) greater role of State/UTs;

(iv) better outreach and

(v) effective supervision and monitoring. The NMFP would also provide flexibility to states / UTs in the selection of beneficiaries, location of projects etc. for the development of food processing sector. This initiative of the Ministry would give an impetus to food processing industries in the country.

(c): Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 250.00 crores for the financial year 2012-13 for the implementation of NMFP. Government of India has approved a proposal for state governments to start preparatory activities / advance action for this scheme and has approved release of Rs. 51 crores for this purpose and released funds to few states including Andhra Pradesh.

(d): Yes, Madam.

(e): Most of the States / UTs including Andhra Pradesh have supported the implementation of National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) as Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the 12th Plan.