

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified the reasons for the low level of food processing in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the level of food processing in each State/UT including Maharashtra; and
- (d) the new initiatives taken/proposed to be taken to give impetus to food processing sector of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Fragmented supply chain and lack of adequate processing infrastructure along the value chain are the main constraints for increasing the level of food processing in the country.
- (c): The comparable data on level of food processing in each state including Maharashtra are not available.
- (d): The Government have taken up a number of schemes including setting up of Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure, setting up/ Modernization of Abattoirs, Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, Skill Development etc. to catalyze growth in the food processing sector. A National Mission on Food Processing has been launched as a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme from 2012-13 to give further impetus to this sector through decentralization and better reach.