

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

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN FPIS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the potential for increasing the avenues of employment including for women in the Food Processing Industries (FPIs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof in comparison to other countries; and
- (c) the future action plan prepared for the 12th Five Year Plan for Andhra Pradesh particularly the backward areas?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not assessed the potential for increasing the avenues of employment including for women in the Food Processing Industries (FPIs). However, on the basis of study conducted by Ministry through Rabo Bank, it has been estimated that for every Rs. 1 Crore invested, it creates 18 jobs directly and 64 indirectly in the organized sector.
- (b): Ministry does not maintain the data of employment generation in food processing industries in respect of other countries.
- (c): There is no specific plan prepared for backward areas of Andhra Pradesh. However, 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) during 12th Plan for effective supervision and monitoring of the Ministry's assisted projects, thus providing greater role to States / UTs including flexibility in the selection of beneficiaries, location of projects etc. for the development of food processing sector and to increase employment potential in the sector.