

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

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MODERNISATION OF FPIS

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

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any innovative measures during the last three years to modernise the food processing industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which implementation of scheme for infrastructure development in food processing sector has been successful during the Eleventh Five Year Plan in various States including Karnataka?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry under its 11th Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) extends the financial assistance for setting up of new food processing units as well as technological upgradation and expansion of existing units in the country. Ministry extends financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs per project in general areas and @ 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs per project in difficult areas. The details of the financial assistance provided to the entrepreneurs in the country during last three years is at Annexure-I.

(c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has implemented the Scheme for Infrastructure Development which includes, Mega Food Parks, Integrated Cold Chain & Preservation and Modernization of Abattoir in the country including Karnataka.

Mega Food Parks:- 30 Mega Food Parks envisaged in the 11th Plan, were approved by the Government in 3 phases. In the 1st phase 10 projects were approved on 11.09.2008, in the 2nd phase 5 projects were approved on 18.11.2010 and in the 3rd phase 15 projects have been approved on 25.10.2011. Details is at Annexure-II.

Cold Chain:- Ministry had accorded approval for 10 nos. of Integrated Cold Chain projects in the year 2008-09 and another 39 projects during 2011-12. Out of 49 projects, 38 nos. were sanctioned. For the remaining 11 nos. of projects, EOI have been issued afresh. Further, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 20.03.2012 has granted an approval for taking up additional 30 projects with a grant-in-aid of Rs. 231 crore. Out of these 30 projects, the Ministry has already approved 18 project in the current year (2012-13). Details is at Annexure-II.

Modern Abattoir:- Under Modernization of Abattoir, Ministry has sanctioned 10 nos. of projects. Out of 10, 2 projects have been completed. 1st installment was released for the remaining 8 nos. of projects. Details is at Annexure-II.