

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

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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 has launched a National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of cost sharing of the project between the Union and State Governments; and
- (d) the time by which the said Mission is likely to start functioning?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government has already communicated approval to all State Governments/ Union Territories to take up preparatory activities for launching of NMFP during 2012-13. National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) w.e.f. 2012-13 is a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme for giving of greater role to State/UTs; decentralized administration, better outreach and 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): NMFP Scheme provides for sharing of the cost between Government of India (75%) and States (25%) for all States except North Eastern States, where, it is at 90:10 pattern. All Union Territories would be provided funds on 100% basis.

(d): The functioning of National Mission on Food Processing has already commenced for preparatory activities w.e.f. 1.4.2012 (2012-13). Action for starting the implementation of schemes through the NMFP is under consideration of the Government.