

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

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN FPI

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has implemented the Research and Development projects for addressing the problems of adulterated fast food items being produced by the Food Processing Industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to promote research and development activities in the food processing sector during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government is providing any investment linked incentives for in-house research and development by the companies in the sector; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not commission R&D projects on its own. However, it considers and sanctions grant-in-aid for R&D projects for Food Processing Sector through various Institutions/ Universities, Public funded organizations and recognized R&D laboratories both in public and private sectors. So far none of the organizations as mentioned above have approached this Ministry for funding R&D projects for addressing the problems of adulterated fast food items being produced by the Food Processing Industries.

The following number of projects were assisted during the last three years:

S.No.	Year	No. of New Projects	Grant-in-Aid for New Projects (Rs. Lakhs)	Total Grant-in-Aid released under R&D scheme (Rs. Lakhs)
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1	2009-2010	9	196.883	414.378 (#)
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2	2010-2011	10	222.510	559.895 (#)
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3	2011-2012	14	445.269	638.057 (#)
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Total	33	864.662	1612.33 (#)
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(#) amount indicated is total assistance provided to all projects including on-going projects.

(d) & (e): To further encourage R&D across all sectors of the economy, in the Union Budget 2011-12, weighted deduction on expenditure incurred on in-house R&D has been enhanced from 150% to 200%. Further, weighted deduction on payments made to National Laboratories, Research Associations, Colleges, Universities and other institutions for scientific research has been enhanced from 125% to 175%. This incentive would give boost to R&D activities of all sectors.