

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

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

- (a) whether hardly 6 per cent of the agricultural produce is being processed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to encourage creation of producers' societies to fund the food processing sector for creating facilities for value added products;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of the State Governments in this regard ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Data on processing of agricultural produces is not centrally maintained by the Ministry. However, M/s Rabo Bank has conducted a study for preparation of Vision Document, suggesting strategy & action plan for Food Processing Sector in India in the year 2005 and has mentioned in the Vision Document that the level of processing of perishable in the country is 6%.
- (c): At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Ministry to encourage creation of producers' societies to fund the food processing sector for creating facilities for value added products.
- (d) & (e): Does not arise.