

**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 Union Government is implementing a National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) in the country during the XIth Five Year Plan period;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives thereof and the extent to which the mission helps in reducing the spoilage/wastage of fruits and vegetables;
- (c) the role of the State Governments in this regard;
- (d) whether the Union Government is contemplating a new technology through the mission so as to increase the country's share of processed food in the world; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 2012-13 of 12th Five Year Plan through States / UTs. The basic objectives of NMFP are: (i) to realize the Ministry's next leap forward in terms of ensuing requisite growth impetus and value addition to the sector;(ii) decentralized approach; (iii) greater role of State/UTs; (iv) better outreach and (v) effective supervision and monitoring.

The Major Programmes/Schemes to be covered under NMFP during 2012-13 are:

- (i) Scheme for Technology Up-gradation/Establishment/ Modernisation of Food Processing Industries.
- (ii) Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for Non Horticultural Products.
- (iii) Scheme for Human Resource Development (HRD)
  - (a) Creation of Infrastructure Facilities for Running Degree/Diploma/ Certificate Courses in Food Processing Technology.
  - (b) Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP)
  - (c) Food Processing Training Centre (FPTC)
- (iv) Scheme for Promotional Activities
  - a. Organizing Seminar/Workshops
  - b. Conducting Studies/Surveys
  - c. Support to Exhibitions/Fairs
  - d. Advertisement & Publicity

(c): The State Governments are responsible for implementation of National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP). Under the mission State Governments receive the applications for various schemes of NMFP and thereafter sanction as well as release the grants-in-aid to the eligible beneficiaries. NMFP also provides 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 and also help in reducing the spoilage / wastage of fruits & vegetables.

(d) & (e): To assist the entrepreneurs and domestic agro-processing industries for adoption of new technology, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) implemented the Scheme for Technology Upgradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries during 11th Plan. During 12th Plan (2012-13), the same has been subsumed under Centrally Sponsored Scheme – National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP).

Under the above Scheme, Ministry extended financial assistance to food processing units including fruits & vegetables units in the form of grants-in-aid to the implementing agencies / entrepreneurs @25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas, or @33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North-Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas in the country. The same pattern of assistance is available under NMFP through States / UT Governments.