

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is encouraging food processing industries based on agricultural produce like foodgrains, pulses, fruits, flowers, vegetables and oilseeds in various States including Maharashtra ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to prevent the entry of Multi-National Companies in this sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. With a view to encourage food processing industries the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is providing financial assistance under the scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernisation of food processing industries which involve in processing of agriculture produce like foodgrains, pulses, fruits & vegetables and oilseeds in various States including Maharashtra. The financial assistance is provided @ 25% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs in general areas and @ 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs.75.00 lakhs in difficult areas including North-Eastern Region. However, this Scheme has been subsumed in the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) w.e.f. 01.04.2012 and is now implemented by the State Governments/UTs as Centrally Sponsored Scheme as one of the component of the NMFP.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise