

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

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

- (a) the steps/initiatives taken by the Union Government to modernise Food Processing Industries (FPIs) including those for fruits and vegetables;
- (b) whether India has concluded any agreement with foreign countries to cater to the growth of agro and food processing industries in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any research institutions in the country has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with their counterpart abroad; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the major research programmes being under taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): For modernization of food processing industries including those for fruits & vegetables in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) implemented the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries during 11th Plan. 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 aforesaid scheme has been subsumed in the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) w.e.f. 01.04.2012 (2012-13).

(b) & (c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has entered into agreements with some developed countries viz. Italy, Germany and France for bilateral co-operation in the field of food processing which generally include processed food segments including fruits & vegetables. Besides, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has entered into number of umbrella agreements with some developed countries viz. USA, France, Canada, Netherlands, Argentina, Austria, Brazil for bilateral co-operation in the areas of agriculture and allied sectors which generally include agro and food processing, cold chain etc.

(d) & (e): MoUs have been entered into by the two institutions under the Ministry, namely Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) and National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) with their counterpart universities/institutions abroad. These MoUs relate to collaboration in teaching and research in the food processing sector.