

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

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MODERNISATION OF GRAIN PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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

(a) whether the Union Government is providing financial assistance for setting up/modernisation/expansion of grain processing industries including milling of rice, wheat, pulses, and oilseeds to various States, particularly Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): During the 11th Plan, Ministry of Food Processing Industries implemented a scheme for Technology Up-gradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries for creating new processing capacities, Up-gradation of existing processing capabilities and modernization of existing Food Processing units. Under the above scheme, financial assistance extended to food processing units including grain milling sector (Rice milling, Flour milling, Pulse Milling and Oil milling) in the form of grants-in-aid @ 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.

Government had launched a National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme during 12th Plan (2012-13) through State/UT Governments. The above said scheme has been subsumed in NMFP during 12th Plan (2012-13). Under the mission State Governments are empowered to receive applications, for the above scheme, sanction as well as release funds to the eligible units/entrepreneurs.

The details of the financial assistance provided to the entrepreneurs/implementing agencies in the various States under the scheme during 11th Plan and 1st year of 12th Plan (2012-13) towards spillover liabilities of 11th Plan is at Annexure.