

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

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PRICE OF PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey in the country including Chhattisgarh to find out the feasibility of increasing the prices of various types of processed agricultural and forest products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the likely increase in employment opportunities in Chhattisgarh with the setting up of Food Processing Industries and the economic benefits likely to accrue to the farmers; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government in this direction to help the State in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not conducted any survey to find out the feasibility of increasing the prices of various types of processed agricultural and forest products.

(c): As per the "Vision 2015; Strategy & Action Plan for Food Processing Industries in India" document of April 2005, the incremental direct employment in the organized sector of food processing industries sector by 2015 was estimated at 18 lakhs in the country including Chhattisgarh.

(d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing various schemes for the benefit of food processing sector in all States including Chhattisgarh during 12th Plan (for 2012-13). The Schemes are:

i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development

(a) Mega Food Parks

(b) Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure (for Horti products)

(c) Modernization of Abattoirs

ii) Scheme for quality assurance, Codex Standards and Research & Development & Other Promotional Activities, Scheme for Setting-up/Up-gradation of Food Testing/Quality Control Laboratories.

In addition, to give an impetus to food processing sector in the country including Chhattisgarh, the Government has launched a new centrally sponsored scheme – National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 12th Plan (for 2012-13). The salient features of the NMFP are: (i) to realize the Ministry's next leap forward in terms of ensuring 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. All the schemes which were hitherto implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the 11th Plan and have been subsumed in the Mission during the 12th Plan (for 2012-13) which are as under:

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 Modernisation of Abattoirs (no targets for 2012-13 & 2013-14)

iv) 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)

(v) Scheme for Promotional Activities

(a) Organizing Seminar/Workshops

(b) Conducting Studies/Surveys

(c) Support to Exhibitions/Fairs

(d) Advertisement & Publicity

NMFP also provides flexibility to States/ UTs in the selection of beneficiaries, location of projects etc. for the development of food processing sector.