

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

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TRAINING ON FOOD PROCESSING
Pandey Saroj

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

(a) Whether the Union Government has formulated any work plan to provide training to the small farmers in the processing of their agricultural produce; and

(b) If so, the number of farmers trained under the above work plan during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the component of Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) of Human Resource Development Scheme emphasizes the processing of agro product into value added products with a view to reduce the wastage of agricultural produce and increase in the income of farmers, it requires to train the farmers and prospective entrepreneurs / unemployed youth in an intensive manner so as to sensitise them to the idea of value addition, food processing and encourage them to establish food processing industries.

During the 11th plan, EDP programmes have been sanctioned and implemented through various Central/State Govt. Institutions, Industry Organizations/Associations and reputed Non Government Organizations for organising EDPs throughout the length and breadth of the country.

With the launch of National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), a centrally sponsored scheme during 12th plan (2012-13), the HRD scheme and its all components have been subsumed in the mission during 2012-13, which is implemented by States including receiving of applications and sanction as well as release of funds, supervision and monitoring of the scheme.

(b) All the organizations for whom the EDPs were sanctioned, have conducted a total 729 EDPs across the country during the last three years and current year (till November, 2012). Ministry has provided during 11th Plan as well as committed cases of 11th Plan during 2012-13, the financial assistance @ Rs. 2.00 lakhs as grant-in-aid for conducting one EDP. As per the guidelines of the HRD scheme, each EDP is organised for 25-35 participants. State-wise details of the EDPs conducted during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I.