

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

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PACKAGED FOOD ITEM INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) whether there is tremendous scope for setting up of packaged food item industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the incentives made available to the entrepreneurs for setting up of such industries in various States/UTs; and
- (d) the additional incentives likely to be given to the States/UTs for setting up new units of packaged food item industries?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d): No specific incentives are made available from this Ministry for the entrepreneurs for setting up of Packaged Food Item Industries in the country. However, Ministry has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme-National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) w.e.f. 01.04.2012. Under this scheme State/ UT Governments have been provided flexibility to take up any new scheme under the NMFP, with the approval of National Food Processing Development Council, for the benefit of Food Processing Sector.