

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:33
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2013
SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any survey to assess the employment opportunities likely to be created in non-farm areas by setting up of more food processing units in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the funds sanctioned and released for human resource and skill development in this sector through the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during the last two years;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up more food processing industries in the country; and
- (e) if so, the additional incentives likely to be given to the States/UTs by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.33 FOR ANSWER ON 26th FEBRUARY, 2013 REGARDING SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR.

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c):(i) The National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) Scheme was started from 01.04.2012. The funds released for the implementation of the various components of this Scheme in 2012-13 were Rs. 146.19 crore. No specific amount out of this is earmarked for HRD/ Skill Development. However, not more than 20% can be utilized for HRD/ Skill Development.

(ii) Prior to 01.04.2012, a scheme for HRD/Skill Development was being implemented directly by GOI as a Central Sector Scheme. Funds allocated and released in 2010-11 & 2011-12 are as follows.

Allocation (Rs crore) Release (Rs crore)

2010-11 11.14 11.11

2011-12 14.50 13.68

(iii) In addition, in 2012-13 a sum of Rs. 3.92 crore has been utilized for meeting the spillover liabilities of the XI plan Central Scheme referred to at.

(ii) above.

(d): Food processing units are set up by entrepreneurs in the private sector. However, for promoting food processing industries, Government has been extending financial assistance, by way of grant in aid, for creation of food processing infrastructure and setting up food processing units.

(e): Government has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) on 1.4.2012 to support food processing industries. This will be implemented by the State/ UT Governments. Budget allocation under the scheme for

2012-13 is Rs 250 crore out of which Rs 181.44 crore has been released to the State/ UT Governments. These funds are to be utilised for the following five components:

- i. Preparatory Activities;
- ii. Scheme for Technology Up-gradation/ Establishment/ Modernisation of Food Processing Industries;
- iii. Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for Non Horticultural Products and Reefer Vehicles;
- iv. Scheme for Human Resource Development (Degree/Diploma courses, EDP, FPTC);
- v. Scheme for Promotional Activities.