

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:109

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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify the number of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) required to be established in each State/UT in the next two years;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bring in more Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to increase the production in this sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to revamp the policy for increased involvement of private sector for promotion of FPIs in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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.109 FOR ANSWER ON 5th MARCH, 2013 REGARDING FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

- (a) No, Madam.

- (b) Does not arise.

- (c) Yes, Madam.

- (d) Government has allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through automatic route in the food processing sector except for items reserved for the Micro and Small Scale sector. For the Micro and Small Scale sector automatic approval is available upto 24% FDI.

The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is expected to bring in capital, state-of-art technology and best managerial practices which will help food processing sector in achieving required growth for faster integration with the global market.

- (e) Ministry of Food Processing Industries is currently implementing different Schemes with the involvement of private sector for promotion of Food Processing Industries in the country. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme-National Mission on Food Processing has been launched during 2012 -13 for implementation by States/UT Governments. The Mission's components are: (i) Technology Up-gradation / Establishment / Modernisation of Food Processing Industries, (ii) Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for Non-Horticultural Products, (iii) Human Resources Development (HRD) and (iv) Promotional Activities. The Mission emphasizes decentralization as well as better outreach for better growth and development of Food Processing Sector in the country.

Besides, the Ministry is also implementing Infrastructure Development Scheme consisting of components like Mega Food Park, Cold Chain & Value Addition and Preservation of the Horticulture produce and Modernization of Abattoirs, Scheme of Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and Research & Development and Scheme of Strengthening of Institutions. 12th Plan Outlay of Rs. 5990.00 crores has been provided by the Government for the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.