

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:9  
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2009  
UNIFORM POLICY FOR FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the funds allocated to Food Processing Industry (FPI) during the last three years and the current year and the expenditure incurred during the same period;
- (b) whether the FPI is suffering from the lack of finances, raw materials, technology and backward linkages with farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of outcome of the recently held national conference of the State Food Processing Ministers;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a uniform food processing policy;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the further action proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 9 for answer on 19.11.2009 regarding Uniform Policy For Food Processing Sector

(a): A number of schemes are presently being implemented by various departments of the central and state governments for extending assistance to food processing units. In so far as the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is concerned, the funds allocated for plan schemes and expenditure incurred in the last 3 years and in current year is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year released	Allocation(Plan)	Financial assistance
2006-07	150.00	159.78
2007-08	200.00	182.97
2008-09	242.00	223.12
2009-10	340.00	141.67

#As on13.11.2009.

(b) & (c): As per the Vision 2015 document of the Ministry, the food processing sector is suffering from lack of finances, inadequate variety of raw materials, low level of technology and poor backward linkages with farmers.

(d): The State Food Processing Ministers' Conference was organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries on 06.10.2009. A number of issues relating to the development of the sector were discussed. Among the issues that were discussed include development of food processing infrastructure, formulation of food processing policies, capacity building, financing for the sector, food safety & quality and institutional strengthening.

(e) to (g): The formulation of food processing policy is the subject matter of the State Governments. This Ministry has urged all the State Governments/ Union territories to frame suitable food processing policies catering to their specific needs. So far, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh have formulated food processing policies for their states.