

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

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MILK PROCESSING PLANTS

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

- (a) Whether the Government has a proposal to set up milk processing plants in the country during the eleventh plan period;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The amount allocated to various States for setting up of milk processing plants in the country during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries only extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to entrepreneurs in the milk processing sector under the Scheme of Setting up /Modernization/ Expansion of food processing industries. Under this scheme, grant assistance @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs.75 lakhs in difficult areas is given.

(c): Financial assistance to the dairy sector is being extended by several central and state government agencies. In so far as Ministry of Food Processing is concerned, no state-wise allocation is being done. However, a statement of state-wise units assisted in dairy sector during the last three years is enclosed herewith.