

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

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

- (a) whether any scheme is being implemented by the Government for processing of banana in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to set up exclusive processing unit for banana in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) In order to promote food processing including banana processing, Ministry has been implementing the Scheme for Technology Up-gradation/ Establishment/ Modernisation of Food Processing Industries during 11th Plan across the country. This scheme aims at creation of new processing capacity and up-gradation of existing processing capabilities in sectors like milk, fruit & vegetables including banana processing, meat, poultry, fishery, wine, consumer items, oil seeds, rice milling, flour milling and pulse milling. Under the scheme, the Ministry extended financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas & @33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in North-Eastern and difficult areas. This scheme has now been subsumed in the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) implemented by States/UTs during 2012-13 w.e.f 1.4.2012.

(c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) does not setup food processing units including banana processing unit on its own in the country. However, in order to increase level of processing and to assist the prospective entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing units including banana processing, MoFPI had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 2012-13 of 12th Five Year Plan. The basic objective of NMFP is decentralization of implementation of the schemes, leading to substantial participation of State Governments/UTs. All the States / UTs have been empowered to receive the applications, sanction and release the grants-in-aid to the eligible beneficiaries under various components of the Mission. Mission also provides flexibility to State / UT Governments in the selection of beneficiaries, location / region of the projects etc. for the development of food processing sector in their states.

The Major Programmes/Schemes covered under NMFP during 2012-13 are:

- (i) Scheme for Technology Up-gradation / Establishment / Modernisation of Food Processing Industries.
- (ii) Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for Non-Horticultural Products.
- (iii) Scheme for Human Resource Development (HRD)
  - (a) Creation of Infrastructure Facilities for Running Degree/ Diploma/ Certificate Courses in Food Processing Technology.
  - (b) Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP)
  - (c) Food Processing Training Centre (FPTC)
  - (iv) Scheme for Promotional Activities
    - a. Organizing Seminar/Workshops
    - b. Conducting Studies/Surveys
    - c. Support to Exhibitions/Fairs
    - d. Advertisement & Publicity