

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of Food Processing Incubation Centres functioning in the country, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the details of technology transfer trainings conducted by these centres in 2012-13 and the level of participation in each centre;
- (c) whether such centres are being set up by the Government in other countries including Africa;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the agencies responsible for the said project?

Answer

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

- (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not implement any specific scheme for Food Processing Incubation Centres. Hence, the details of such centres functioning in the country is not available with the Ministry. However, the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT), which is an autonomous institute under this Ministry has a Food Processing Business Incubation Centre in its campus at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.
- (b) Six technology transfer trainings were conducted by IICPT's Incubation Centre in 2012-13 and the total number of beneficiaries who were provided such training was 3893.
- (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries is only setting up five (5) Food Processing Incubation Centres (FPBICs) in Africa, and not in any other country, under the India- Africa Forum Summit-II.
- (d) The 5 African countries are Uganda, Cameroon, Ghana, Angola and Mali. The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad is the Implementing Agency for the above initiative.