

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

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

- (a) whether the Government/National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) has received any proposal from the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) for establishment of Food Processing Centres in Tamil Nadu during the 12th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned / released and utilised for the purpose so far?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry does not receive applications for Food Processing Centres during 12th Plan w.e.f. 01.04.2012. However, with the launch of National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme during 12th Plan, the HRD scheme and its components have been subsumed in the Mission. Accordingly, receiving of applications and sanction as well as release of funds including supervision and monitoring of the scheme, rests with the State Governments. The Mission provides for greater role for States / UTs including flexibility in the selection of beneficiaries, location of projects etc. for the development of food processing sector as well as skilled manpower for the sector.

However, Govt. of Tamil Nadu has received a proposal from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore on 19.02.2013 for the "Establishment of Food processing Research and training Centre" at Sivagangai, Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs.17.18 crores. Since the Research and Training Center does not fall under any scheme guidelines of NMFP implemented by States / UTs, the TNAU has been informed accordingly by Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

(c): Does not arise.