

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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PROMOTION OF FOOD PROCESSING
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of farmers are being assisted towards promoting food processing amongst them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the specific steps taken to provide food processing technology at the farm level; and
- (d) the extent to which the farmers are being benefited in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): To promote the food processing sector in the country, the Government is implementing infrastructure scheme with components for Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure and Modernization of Abattoir which could be availed by farmers for maximization of value addition, minimization of wastages and improving their income.

In addition, Government has launched a National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme during 12th Plan to give further impetus to the food processing sector. The following schemes are included in the mission:

- (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 Modernisation of Abattoirs.
- (iv) Scheme for Human Resource Development (HRD) with the components of (a) Creation of Infrastructure Facilities for running Degree/ Diploma/ Certificate Courses in Food Processing Technology; (b) Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) and (c) Food Processing Training Centre (FPTC).
- (v) Scheme for Promotional Activities for (a) Organising Seminar/ Workshops; (b) Conducting Studies/ surveys;
- (c) Support to Exhibitions / Fairs and (d) Advertisement and Publicity.
- (vi) Scheme for Creating Primary Processing Centers / Collection Centers in rural areas.
- (vii) Modernisation of Meat shops.
- (viii) Reefer Vehicles.
- (ix) Old Food Parks.

The assistance under these schemes can be availed by the entrepreneurs including farmers for setting up and promoting food processing facilities. The development of food processing industries will help in minimizing wastage and maximizing value addition of agricultural and horticultural produce and higher income to farmers.