

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

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SHORTAGE OF SKILLED MANPOWER IN FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of skilled manpower in the food processing sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has launched any training programme to meet the shortage of skilled manpower;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): As per a study conducted by the National Skill Development Corporation on Human Resource and Skill Requirement in the Food Processing Sector, the annual human resource requirement in food processing industry is estimated at about 5.3 lakh persons including about one lakh persons in the organized sector.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a scheme for Human Resource Development in the Food Processing Sector. The HRD Scheme focuses on developing technologists, managers, entrepreneurs and manpower for quality management in food processing. The scheme provides assistance for creation of infrastructure facilities in academic institutions and for setting up of Food Processing and Training Centres (FPTC). During the 12th Five Year Plan, the HRD Scheme has been subsumed under the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), which is being implemented through State/ UT Governments. There are also two academic-cum-research institutions under this Ministry viz. National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) at Kundli, Sonapat, Haryana and the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, which offer academic programmes at Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D Level in food processing. The institutes are also conducting short term skill development training courses.

(e): An allocation of Rs. 4.00 crore has been provided for the HRD Scheme in BE 2013-14 for proposals received by this Ministry before 12th Plan period. In addition, State and UT Governments are expected to take up projects under the HRD Scheme through the NMFP. The total allocation for NMFP in BE 2013-14 is Rs. 187 crore.