

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

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

- (a) whether the level of food processing in the country is very low as compared to other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the level of food processing in each State/UT;
- (c) whether the infrastructure as well as research and development required for food processing is sufficient to meet the demand of the food processing industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the increased demand for processed food in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per the "Vision 2015: Strategy & Action Plan for Food Processing Industries in India" document of April 2005, the level of processing in India is very low and varies from sector to sector and is estimated at 2 percent in the case of fruits and vegetables. It is very high in developed countries (80% in USA, 70% in France) and in many developing countries as well (80% in Malaysia, 30% in Thailand).

(c) to (e): With a view to reduce post-harvest losses and increase level of processing, Government has been promoting creation of infrastructure and Research & Development in food processing sector. For creation of supportive infrastructure in food processing sector, Government has been extending grant-in-aid for creation of Cold Chain, Mega Food Park and setting up/ modernization of Abattoirs. The Ministry has also been implementing a Plan Scheme namely 'Quality Assurance, Codex, R&D and Other Promotional Activities' under which financial assistance is provided as Grants-in-aid for demand driven R&D work for product and process development, improved packaging, value addition etc.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) - on 1st April, 2012 for implementation through State/ UT Governments. The various schemes under the NMFP, inter alia, include setting up/ modernisation of food processing units, setting up Cold Chain units for non-horticultural products, Primary Processing Centres/ Collection Centres in Rural Areas, setting up/ modernisation of meat shops, Reefer Vehicles, Human Resource Development and Promotional Activities.