

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF FPI

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

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the potential for developing Food Processing Industries (FPI) in the country in view of the production of fruits and other fruit items and if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(b) whether the FPI in the country is still at a nascent stage and unable to fully tap the potential for its growth, development and in attracting investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken to overcome bottlenecks like infrastructure including cold chain, packaging centres, value addition centres, modernised abattoirs etc.; and

(d) the extent to which the said developments are likely to help in the growth of FPIs in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme-National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 2012-13 of 12th Five Year Plan. The basic objective of NMFP is decentralization of implementation of the schemes, leading to substantial participation of State Governments/ UTs. All the State Governments have been empowered to receive the applications, sanction and release of grant-in-aid to the eligible beneficiaries under the NMFP. State have also the flexibility in selection of location of projects as well as beneficiaries. This initiative is likely to augment the capacity of the food processors for upscaling their operations by adoption of new technologies.

MoFPI has also been implementing central sector schemes like Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain and Abattoirs during 12th Plan to provide modern infrastructure for Food Processing Industries.

In addition, MoFPI implements a Plan Scheme namely 'Quality Assurance, Codex, R&D and other Promotional Activities'. Under this Scheme Financial assistance is provided as Grant-in-aid for Research & Development in the Food Processing sector and setting up/ up-gradation of food testing laboratories in the country. The R&D scheme and food testing lab scheme are implemented by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) for Department of Science and Technology and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), respectively w.e.f 01.04.2012.