

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:16

ANSWERED ON:24.02.2015

PROCESSING OF AGRO PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether the growth rate of processing of agro-products including fruits and vegetables and its share in the global trade is on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the growth rate and its share in the global trade during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken research and development works to modernise food processing units for the development and promotion of food processing industries in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the capacity of food processing units and setting up of new units in various States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.16 FOR ANSWER ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 2015 REGARDING "PROCESSING OF AGRO PRODUCTS"

(a) & (b): Food processing sector in India, including processing of fruits and vegetables, is growing at an average annual growth rate (AAGR) of 8.4 per cent for five years ending 2012-13. Exports of food and allied products are growing at an AAGR of 20.5 per cent for the five years ending 2013-14. As per data released by UN-COMTRADE, India's share in the world export of food products has increased from 2.05% in 2011 to 2.33% in 2012. It has, further, increased to 2.65% in the year 2013.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been assisting demand driven R&D activities, for the benefit of food processing sector, in terms of product and process development as well as improved technology for preservation, packaging, storage and distribution etc. Fund allocated and released during last four years including current year for R&D are as under:

Fund allocated and released under R&D activities				(Rs. in lakh)
Sl. No.	Year	Funds allocated	Grant-in-Aid released	
1	2011-12	990.00	637.99	
2	2012-13	1200.00	1167.00	
3	2013-14	955.00	958.80	
4	2014-15#	754.40	503.40	

#As on 19-2-2015

(e) In order to promote investment in food processing industries, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) - on 01.04.2012 for implementation through State/ UT Governments. The various components under NMFP, inter-alia, include setting up/ modernization of Food Processing Industries, setting up of Cold Chain Units for Non-Horticultural Products, setting up of Primary Processing Centres/ Collection Centres in Rural Areas, Modernisation of Meat Shops, Reefer Vehicles and Human Resource Development. Under NMFP, financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid is extended to the entrepreneurs for setting up of new units and expansion as well as modernisation of the existing food processing units. In addition, the Ministry is also implementing various central sector infrastructure schemes viz. Mega Food Park Scheme and Scheme for Cold Chain to encourage and facilitate setting up of food processing units by private entrepreneurs. All these initiatives are intended to increase capacity of food processing units and setting up of new units.