

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:200

ANSWERED ON:10.03.2015

INVESTMENT IN FPI

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

- (a) whether the investment in Food Processing Sector in the country has substantially increased in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the advancement in Food Processing Technology in the country has drastically reduced the wastage of agricultural products;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce wastage of agricultural products and help the farmers in supplementing their income in Food Processing Industry?

**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.200 FOR ANSWER ON 10TH MARCH, 2015 REGARDING "INVESTMENT IN FPI"

(a) & (b): According to the latest information released by Annual Survey of Industries, the investment in registered food processing industries, in terms of fixed capital, has been growing at an annual average rate of 17 per cent for the last three years ending 2012-13 as per details given below:

Investment# in Food Processing Sector

Year Amount (Rs in crore)

2010-11 1,20,705

2011-12 1,45,038

2012-13 (P) 1,58,863

P: Provisional Results; Source: Annual Survey of Industries;

# Depreciated value of fixed assets owned by factory.

(c) & (d): Wastage in agricultural produces continues to be high for a variety of factors including inefficient supply chain, inadequate processing and storage capacities. As per the study conducted by the Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, the estimated value of harvest and post-harvest losses of major agricultural produces at national level was of the order of Rs 44,143 crore at 2009 wholesale prices. Fruits and vegetable have recorded maximum wastages in the range of 5.8 -18.0 per cent.

(e): With a view to reducing harvest and post-harvest losses, augment farmers income, Government has been strengthening supply-chain through creation of infrastructure viz. Cold Chain, Mega Food Park and Setting up/ Modernization of Abattoirs. Further, with a view to ensuring increase in level of processing and reduction of wastage, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has launched a 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, interalia, 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.