

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:287

ANSWERED ON:17.03.2015

NEW FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES/ UNITS

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

- (a) whether a number of food processing units are proposed to be set up in backward, tribal and other potential areas in the country, if so, the details thereof along with number of units set up in rural areas during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide Central assistance to entrepreneurs as well as the States and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the economic value added, employment generated and extent of remunerative price ensured to farmers, as a result of setting up of Food Processing Units; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote Food Processing Industry, generate more employment in rural areas and thereby eradicate poverty?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.287 FOR ANSWER ON 17TH MARCH, 2015 REGARDING NEW FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES/UNITS

(a): Government of India does not set up Food Processing Industries on its own in the country. However, during the 12th Plan (w.e.f. 01.04.2012), Government have launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), which is being implemented through States/UT Governments. Under the Mission, one of the schemes is Technology Upgradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries, which provides financial assistance to eligible entrepreneurs. The details of financial assistance provided since the inception of the Mission in various States to Food Processing Industries in the country including backward, tribal and other potential areas State-wise are at Annexure-I.

(b): Under the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), all the eligible entrepreneurs are provided assistance(Central share and State share together) as per scheme guidelines of Technology Upgradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries, Scheme for Cold Chain for Non Horticultural Products, setting up of primary centres/collection centres and Reefer vans etc.

(c): According to the latest Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2012-13 (Provisional), the total number of persons engaged in the registered food processing sector was 16.89 lakhs. And as per National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) 67th Round, 2010-11 the unregistered food processing sector supports employment to 47.9 lakh workers.

(d): To generate more employment and to assist the farmers and entrepreneurs, in addition to implementation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme-National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) in 12th Plan, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has also been implementing central sector schemes like Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain in the country including rural areas for providing modern infrastructure for food processing industries.