

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

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EMPLOYMENT IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to explore the option of commercialisation and market orientation methods in the food processing industries through public private partnerships and collaborations and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to conduct training programmes for skill development of youth in different segments of the food processing industries viz., dairy, confectionary, frozen foods and beverages and if so, the details and the contents of training programmes thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to utilise the existing infrastructure and research expertise of educational institutions and universities for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is acute shortage of adequately trained manpower in the food processing industries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the shortage of skilled and semi-skilled manpower and to increase the employment opportunities in the food processing industries?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): Food processing units are set up by entrepreneurs in the private sector which are run on commercial consideration. Government supplements the efforts of private entrepreneurs in a number of ways to promote the sector. These include extending grant-in-aid for creation of infrastructure like Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Municipal Abattoirs (including those on public private partnership basis) and also for setting up of food processing units. Apart from these, government has been extending a number of fiscal incentives for attracting investment to the sector.

(b)&(c): The two academic-cum-research Institutions under Ministry of Food Processing Industries viz. National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) at Kundli, Sonapat, Haryana and Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu offer academic programmes at B. Tech., M. Tech. and Ph.D level in different areas of food processing. Both NIFTEM and IICPT are using existing infrastructure and research expertise for conducting short-term training for the industries, entrepreneurs, youth, etc. on different aspects of food processing including skill training.

(d): A study commissioned by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) on "Human Resource and Skill Requirement in Food Processing Sector" has projected human resource requirement of 17.8 million persons in food processing industries by the year 2022.

(e): During the 12th Plan, Ministry of Food Processing Industries had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP). The Mission includes the scheme of Human Resource Development which aims at augmenting the supply of trained manpower for food processing sector at all levels such as entrepreneurs, managers and skilled workers. All States/ UT Governments have been empowered to receive applications and sanction as well as release funds under the above scheme of NMFP.