

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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PINEAPPLE PROCESSING PLANT
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Pineapple Processing Plant at Nalkata, Tripura;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to modernize the said plant and set up more such processing plants;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of funds sanctioned/released for the purpose and progress made in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region [General (Retd.) V.K. Singh]

- (a) A Pineapple Juice Concentrate Plant was set up by the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC), a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, in June 1988. The Plant is non-functional since 2010-11.
- (b) and (c) A proposal for modernization of the plant was submitted by Government of Tripura under the scheme of Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, which was subsequently dropped by the State Government.
- (d) No new project has been sanctioned and no funds have been released.