

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

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SICK PROCESSING UNITS
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for Upgradation, modernization and revival of sick processing units in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any such proposals of Andhra Pradesh are pending; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, during the 12th Plan, Government launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), which was implemented through State/UT Governments including Andhra Pradesh. Under the Mission, one of the schemes the Technology Upgradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries, aims at creation of new processing capacity and up-gradation of existing processing capabilities in food processing sector. Under the scheme grant-in-aid is provided to eligible applicants at the rate of 25% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas, 33.33% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas (i.e. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep) and Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas and 50% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs.100 lakhs for North Eastern States including Sikkim. However, the National Mission on Food Processing has been delinked from the central government support with effect from current financial year in view of increased resource allocation to States resulting from the recommendations of 14th Finance Commission.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.