

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

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Food Processing Units

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

- (a) the number of food processing units/industries registered and functioning in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise along with the products which are being processed in these units;
- (b) whether there has been a shortage of food processing units resulting in farmers not getting fair price for their produce in various parts of the country and if so, the details and impact thereof along with the requirement and availability of food processing facilities and closed food processing units, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up additional food processing units/revive closed food processing units in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for development and promotion of food zones/clusters to ensure adequate supply of raw material to food processing units in the surplus fruit and vegetable growing areas and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the potential of food processing industries in the country and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) As per latest Annual Survey of Industries, state-wise number of food processing units/industries in the registered sector operating during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are given in Annexure I. The major products being processed in these industries are given in Annexure II.
- (b) There is a scope for growth of food processing industries as the level of food processing in the country was only 6.76% in 2010-11, as per a 2014 study, commissioned by Ministry of Agriculture, and undertaken by Institute of Economic Growth. The data regarding the farmers not getting fair price for their produce is not available. The state-wise list of the availability of food processing facilities under Mega Food Park and Cold Chain Schemes supported by Ministry of Food Processing Industries is given at Annexure III.
- (c) The Ministry is providing financial assistance under the Central Sector Schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country. These are (1) Scheme for Mega Food Parks (2) Scheme for Modern Abattoirs (3) Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (4) Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation (5) Scheme for Quality Assurance (6) Scheme for Human Resource and Institutions. Farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, Individuals, Group of Entrepreneurs, Cooperative Societies, Self Help Groups, NGO's, Central/ State PSU etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance under these schemes for setting up food processing industries in the country. The detailed guidelines of these schemes having the pattern of financial assistance, eligibility criteria, procedure for approval of projects etc. are available on the Ministry's website at www.mofpi.nic.in
- (d) Mega Food Park scheme aims to create modern food processing infrastructure for development of a cluster of food processing units based on a hub and spoke model. Minimum of 50 acre land is required for the Central Processing Centre in a Mega Food Park to set up a cluster of 25 to 35 food processing units.
- (e) No survey has been conducted to assess the potential of food processing industries in the country till date.
