

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

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QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Total Quality Management is essential to reach the world market or avoid being swamped by imported food items and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government provides assistance/ grant-in-aid to Central/State Government Organisations/IITs and Universities for implementation of Total Quality Management System;
- (c) if so, the details of assistance provided to States during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the mechanism adopted by the Government for accreditation of certification bodies operating in certification of food processing units under the Total Quality Management System?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a): Adoption of Food Safety and Quality Assurance mechanisms such as Total Quality Management (TQM) including ISO 9000, ISO 22000, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Good Hygienic Practices (GHP) by food processing industry enables adherence to stringent quality and hygiene norms and thereby protects consumer health, prepares the industry to face global competition, enhances product acceptance by overseas buyers and keeps the industry technologically abreast of international best practices.
- (b): Government provides assistance to Central/State Government Organisations, IITs, Universities and Private Sector in the form of reimbursement of expenditure towards implementation of Total Quality Management.
- (c): The details of assistance provided to States during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is given in the Annexure.
- (d): Quality Council of India (QCI) has been set up as the National Accreditation Body. The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), which is a constituent Board of QCI, is responsible for accreditation of inspection and certification bodies as per international standards in the country.