

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend the benefits of food processing units to cashew industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has enlisted the food processing units into various categories;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to implement new scheme for value added production of cashew; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. During 12th Plan (2012-17), Ministry of Food Processing Industries launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP). The mission and all its Schemes are implemented through State/UT Governments. Under the mission's Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance is provided to Food processing units including Cashew Industries @25 per cent of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh in general areas; 33.33 per cent of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakh in difficult areas (i.e. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep) and Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas; and 50 per cent of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of Rs.100 lakh for North-Eastern States including Sikkim.

As per the above Scheme guidelines under the mission, all the new applications in 12th Plan for the above scheme are received, sanctioned, and funds are released by the respective State/ UT Governments, for setting up of Food Processing units including cashew processing units in the country.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. Under the mission's Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, various sub-sectors related to processed Food Products are funded. These are Bakery Products, Consumer Industries, Fishery, Flour Milling, Fruit and vegetables (including cashew processing), Meat and Poultry, Milk and Dairy, Oil Milling, Pulse Milling, Rice Milling etc.

(e)&(f): There is no new Scheme separately for value added production of cashew. However, all the cashew processing related industries are eligible to avail benefits under the mission's Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries in the country.