

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

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National Food Technology Institution
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Food Technology Institute to meet the increasing the needs of manpower in the Food Processing Industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan prepared by the Government to promote food processing sector and improve rural economy in the backward states of the country?

Answer

(a) & (b): There are two Food Technology Institutions namely National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli , Haryana and Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology, Thanjavur Tamil Nadu working under administrative control of this Ministry. At present, Ministry has not decided to set up any other National Food Technology Institute.

(c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various Central Sector Schemes for development of food processing sector in the country. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has re-structured its schemes under the new Central Sector Scheme of KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA having seven components viz (i) Mega Food Park, (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, (iii) Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters, (iv) Creation of Forward and Backward Linkages, (v) Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. The Kisan Sampada Yojana has been approved with an allocation of Rs. 6,000 crore for period 2016-20 co-terminus with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. The farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, and societies, Self Help Groups, Private Companies and State PSUs etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance under these schemes for setting up food processing projects in the country. However, higher financial assistance to the projects in the North-eastern States/difficult areas/ITDP areas are provided as compared to the general areas.