

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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EMPLOYMENT IN FPIS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food processing industries (FPIs) play a pivotal role in generating employment and providing value addition of agricultural commodities including poultry, meat, dairy and fisheries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Food Processing Sector forms an important segment of the Indian economy in terms of employment and value addition. As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2011-12, the total number of persons engaged in registered food processing units was 17.77 lakh constituting 12.13 per cent of employment in registered factory sector. Employment in registered food processing sector has been growing annually on an average rate of 3.79 per cent for last five years ending 2011-12.

In terms of value addition, the food processing sector constitutes as much as 9.0 and 11.0 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Manufacturing and Agriculture sector respectively. The sector has been growing annually on an average rate of around 8.4 per cent as compared to around 3.3 per cent in Agriculture and 6.6 per cent in Manufacturing during the last 5 years ending 2012-13.