

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

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GENDER IMBALANCES IN FPS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any programme to tackle Gender imbalances in the food processing sector (FPS) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of women beneficiaries under the schemes during the last three years, State-wise and Scheme-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The government is implementing various schemes to provide impetus to development of food processing sector in the country, which are industry oriented and not gender specific. However, under the Scheme of Human Resource Development, financial assistance is provided for imparting training. The guidelines of the Scheme provide that representation of SC/ST/Women/Minority candidates should not be less than 35% in the training programmes being organized under the Entrepreneurship Development Programme and Food Processing Training Centre and 15% in the training programmes at recognized/reputed training institutions in State/National institutions. This scheme has been subsumed in Centrally Sponsored Scheme – National Mission on Food Processing w.e.f. 01-04-2012 and is being implemented through State /UT governments.

(c): No such data are maintained by this Ministry.