

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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MAKE IN INDIA PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is taking any steps to promote food processing industries sector as one of the major sectors under 'Make-in-India' programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to improve Research and Development (R&D) in Food Processing Industries in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): Food Processing Industries have been included as one of the champion sectors under the 'Make-in-India' Initiatives of the Government. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing an umbrella Central Sector Scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)- with an outlay of Rs 6,000 crores for the period 2016-20 coterminous with the period of 14th Finance Commission to create modern infrastructure for the entire food processing value/supply chain i.e, from farm gate to consumers with a view to promote overall growth and development of food processing sector. Under the Make in India 2.0, MoFPI envisages completion of 42 mega Food Parks, 138 cold chain projects and sanctioning of 100 new cold chain, 50 Backward & Forward Linkage, 100 Agro Processing Clusters projects and 400 Food Processing Units. Besides, it envisages for setting up state-of-art Food Testing Laboratories in Mega Food Parks.

(c) to (e): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a scheme for Research & Development (R&D) in processed food sector in the country, which is one of the components of scheme for Human Resource and Institutions under the umbrella scheme PMKSY. Under R&D scheme, financial assistance as grant- in-aid is given to various Universities, various Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Central/ State Government Institutions, Government funded Organizations, R&D laboratories and Council of Scientific and Industrial research (CSIR) recognized R&D units in private sector to promote and undertake demand driven R&D work in the field of processed food sector for product & process development, design and development of equipment, improved storage, shelf-life, packaging etc.

Government Organizations/ Institutions/ Universities are eligible for 100% grant-in-aid for the cost of equipment, consumables and expenditure related to salaries of the project specific staff, while Private Organizations/ Institutions/ Universities are eligible for 50% grant-in-aid for the equipment cost in general areas and 70% grant-in-aid in difficult areas for conducting such research activities.
