

Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of food processing industries. In order to ensure speedy disbursement of financial assistance, the Ministry has decentralized the disbursement procedure through banks under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of food processing industries with effect from 01.04.2007.

Ministry has also been operating several other Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for modernization of abattoirs, setting up / up-gradation of food testing laboratories, creation of infrastructure facilities for human resource development, Research & Development in food processing sector, implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) / ISO 22000 systems besides other promotional and capacity building measures to encourage development of food processing industries. Moreover, the Government has taken several steps like tax reduction, waiver/reduction of excise duty, reduction of custom duty on specific food items with a view to encourage the growth of Food Processing Industries and make them more competitive.

Food processing industries in A.P.

1402.SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has conducted a survey in Andhra Pradesh for assessment and development of food processing industries;
- (b) if so, the details of potential in Andhra Pradesh with regard to food processing sector;
- (c) whether any food parks are proposed to be set up in that State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The Government has conducted a survey to assess the feasibility of establishing Mega Food Park in Andhra Pradesh in the year 2007-08 which is essentially aimed at attracting entrepreneurs to invest in food processing sector by providing modern infrastructure. Andhra Pradesh has good potential for food processing industries based on the production of raw materials like fruits and vegetables, grains, oilseeds, poultry, fish etc. Based on the above survey, Chittoor District in the State has been identified as location for establishing one Mega Food Park. This Mega Food Park envisages to have an investment of about Rs.114 crore in common facilities and expected to leverage an investment about of Rs.218 crore in processing units. It is estimated that an annual turnover of about Rs.540 crore will be generated by the above Mega Food Park and will create approximately 45,000 employment opportunities (both direct & indirect).

New engineering and technical educational institutes in Jharkhand

1403.SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan for setting up of new engineering and technical educational institutes in Jharkhand;

- (b) if so, which districts have been identified for setting up these institutions; and
- (c) what steps are being taken to improve the IT education infrastructure in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to establish one Indian Institute of Management in Jharkhand. Two sites have been recommended by the State Government for the establishment of IIMs in Dhanbad and Ranchi district. There is also a proposal to set up 17 Polytechnic in Garhwa, Hazaribagh, Giridih, Deoghar, Godda, Sahibganj, Pakur, Lohardaga, Gumla, Pashchimi Singhbhum, Chatra, Palamau, Jamtara, Khunti, Ramgarh, Simdega and Dumka districts of the State.

(c) The AICTE has taken various steps to promote technical education in States including Jharkhand, where the enrolment is below the national average. These include starting of second shift in engineering institutes and polytechnics so as to provide more opportunities with existing infrastructure. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has provided Rs. 15 crores in the Annual Plan of 2008-09 for reducing regional imbalance in the country. States with low enrolment including Jharkhand, will benefit from the measures taken for this purpose.

IIT in BTAD

1404.SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total population in the Bodoland area is 30 lakhs, for which it is necessary to set up at least one Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) to facilitate the entire population of the Bodoland Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD) and if so, whether any such provision has been made so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether, as per the policy of Government, the Ministry is regularly allocating 10 per cent out of the total budget allocated to it, for the development of North Eastern Region;

(e) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are established in different States of the country keeping in mind various aspects viz regional imbalance, connectivity, infrastructural facilities, etc. An IIT was set up in 1994 in Guwahati in the North-Eastern region of the country, of which the Bodoland Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD) is a part. Presently there is no proposal to set up an IIT at BTAD.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. As per the policy of the Government, the Ministry is regularly allocating 10 per cent of its total budget, excluding Externally Aided Projects (EAP), for the development of North Eastern Region. The details of allocation during the current year of 2008-09 are as under: