

The State Government is trying its best to create cold chain facilities and promote private investment in establishment of processing facilities. Further, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under the plan schemes provides financial assistance upto 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil work subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% upto Rs.75.00 lakhs in difficult areas including Jammu and Kashmir. For technological upgradation/modernization and establishment of food processing industries including fruit and vegetables processing industries. In the Eleventh Plan, a revamped scheme for infrastructure development has been formulated which will give enhanced level of financial assistance for setting up of Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain Infrastructure, modernization of abattoirs, setting up of quality control laboratory etc.

Export of food items

160. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major processed food items being exported to different countries; and

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange earned through export of processed food items during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Sir, the major processed food items being exported to different countries are processed fruit and vegetables, Guar Gum, Jaggery and Confectionery, Cereal Preparation, Alcoholic Beverages, Miscellaneous Preparations- (Which include Ready to Serve products, snack foods, breakfast foods etc.) Frozen Shrimp, Frozen Fish, Frozen Cuttle Fish/Squid, Frozen Lobster etc.

(b) The amount of Foreign Exchange earned through the export of processed food items during the last three years is as below:-

Year	Rs. in Crores
2004-05	10212.29
2005-06	12329.85
2006-07	14501.58

Supplementary nutrition to adolescent girls

161. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of people are unable even to send their daughters to schools in the country, especially in the East and West Godavari and Visakhapatnam areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the ratio of children enrolled in schools, especially the girls, in the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Government is providing supplementary nutrition to adolescent girls; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) : (a) to (e) At the national level, the Gender Parity Index (GPI) is 0.92 for classes I-VIII and 0.91 for classes I-XII according to data of 2005-06. For Andhra Pradesh the GPI is 0.99 and 0.96 respectively.

In East and West Godavari and Visakhapatnam districts in Andhra Pradesh, the enrollment of girls is 98.3%, while in the nine coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh, the ratio of girls enrolled in schools is 95.8: 100.

The Central Government in partnership with the States is implementing the programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) alongwith it's components of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), the National Programme of Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) and the Mid-day Meal Programme to promote education of girls at the elementary education level. For the secondary stage of education, schemes for girls hostels and providing incentives to girls entering class IX are being implemented. The Central Government is providing supplementary nutrition to adolescent girls in select districts of the country.

Support to public schools in Assam

162. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds under Central schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal are utilized in Assam for Government supported institutions only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether more than 50 per cent of non-commercial public schools, run by public with Government concurrence, are yet to be supported by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) : (a) and (b) Apart from State Government run schools, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme supports Government aided schools at elementary level for specified purposes viz., provision of school grants, teachers grant, free text books, etc. Under the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) programme, mid day meals are provided to Government aided schools apart from Government run schools.

(c) and (d) SSA and MDM programmes do not assist private recognized unaided schools.