

4. A Draft Policy has been finalized to provide an enabling environment, to facilitate setting up of infrastructure, to bring synergy by backward and forward linkages and to generate demand for processed food through generic advertisement.

A Study conducted at the instance of this Ministry by National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has revealed that the growth in the Food Processing Industries coming under the domain of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries amounted to 8.5% compared to 6.1% growth in GDP during the period 1996-1997 to 2001-2002. To this extent, the efforts initiated by this Ministry have borne fruit.

FPIs in North-Eastern States

2021. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) number of food processing industries opened so far in the North-Eastern States;
- (b) which programmes of training to Food Processing Industries have been started in those States; and
- (c) the measures taken to encourage Food Processing Industries on individual basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) Food Processing Industries are both in the organized and unorganized sectors. 73 Fruit and Vegetable Processing Units in North Eastern region including Sikkim have been given licence under FPO upto January, 2001. Data regarding other food processing industries is not maintained centrally by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

(b) There is a plan scheme being operated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for Personpower Development in Food Processing Industries under which / assistance is provided to Central or State Organizations, Educational and Technical Institutions, NGOs and Cooperatives etc. for organising training/Personpower Development. The plan schemes of the Ministry are not State specific but are project specific.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance through its Plan Schemes to private sector Industries. Non-

Governmental Organizations, Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Human Resource Development Institutions, Research & Development Institutions etc. for the development of processed food sector. A higher quantum of assistance is provided for difficult areas which include North Eastern States including Sikkim

Recently the Government has approved Technology Mission for integrated development of horticulture in North-East including Sikkim. Further, in the current Budget the Excise Duty on products of processed fruits and vegetables has also been removed. These measures are expected to provide further boost to the food processing sector in the North-Eastern region.

Impact of Import of Poultry Products

2022. SHRIRAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of chicken, meat, meat products and poultry products is affecting the domestic industry in the country:

(b) if so, the total amount of import of poultry products in the country during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001: and

(c) what steps the ministry has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) and (b) There is no appreciable increase in the imports of chicken meat and poultry products during the last two years, as would appear from the following import figures of poultry products :

	(Quantity in MT)		(Value in Rs. Lakhs)	
	1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
(i) Poultry meat and Edible Offals	03	1.90	0.59	2.65
(ii) Birds' eggs in shell (fresh, chilled and frozen)	13.75	58.73	4.61	18.03