

As regards the progress of works in the eight hill towns of Uttaranchal, 14 DPRs have been sanctioned only for non-core schemes such as low cost toilets and river front development at an estimated cost of Rs. 230.58 lakhs as given in the table above. Of these, works relating to five DPRs have been completed and the works in the remaining nine are in various stages of implementation. An expenditure of Rs. 175.78 lakhs has been incurred on these ongoing works. Out of a total of 18 DPRs of core-schemes of sewage treatment plants and sewerage works, only four DPRs have been received from the State Government.

The water quality of the river Ganga downstream of Hardwar has improved after implementation of GAP Phase-I works. The river water quality along Hardwar and upstream hill towns can be expected to further improve after the completion of the above GAP Phase-II works which are targeted for completion by December, 2005.

### **Investment in FPIs**

2017 SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of investment made in Food Processing Industries during Ninth Five Year Plan:

(b) whether Government have a proposal to make massive investments in the Food Processing Industries in Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details of the Government's proposal in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) As per study conducted by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) at the instance of MFPI, it is estimated that the investment in food processing sector amounted to approximately Rs. 38,500 crores during the 9th Plan period.

(b) and (c) Government give highest importance to food processing industries in terms of policy dispensation and creation of enabling environment. The removal of 16% excise duty from processed fruit and vegetable products, and the draft policy for food processing industries are indicative of government commitment. However, investment in food processing industries will have to come mostly from the private sector and financial institutions.