

Grants to Non-Existent Food Processing; Training Centres

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SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it has come to Government's notice that certain Food Processing Training Cntrcs (FPTCs) which get grants from Government, are non-existent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of FPTCs given grants during the last three years and those which have given utilization certificates of grants. State-wise;

(d) the outcome of the Investigation conducted by Government in this regard recently, and

(e) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to reclaim the amount of grants from non-existent FPTCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) (b) and (d) Seven cases of non-setting up of Food Processing Training Cntrcs. even after receiving the Government assistance, have been reported from National Capital Territory of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Orissa.

(e) Statement indicating details is Annexed (*See below*) (c) Action has been initiated for recovery of the grants through the concerned State Governments.

Statement

Sl. No. of the State assisted and the amount received during the last three years-

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of FPTC assisted	No. of UCs. received
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	1	Amount received back
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4	3
	Assam	2	2
4.	Bihar	9	5
5.	Delhi	1	1
6.	Haryana	1	1
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	2	—

Sl. No	Name of the State	No. of FPTC assisted	No. of UCs. received
8.	Maharashtra	12	10
9	Orissa	19	17
10.	Tamil Nadu	15	15
11.	Uttar Pradesh	11	11
12.	West Bengal	2	1
TOTAL		81	68

Reducing Wasteful expenditure FDIs

2020. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by Government to reduce or completely remove wasteful expenditure in Food Processing Industries:

(b) if so, the details of such efforts: and

(c) whether these efforts have borne fruit in reducing wasteful expenditure in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) to (c) No, report regarding wasteful expenditure in Food Processing Industries has been received. However, it has been estimated that post-harvest wastage of raw materials which are of a perishable nature ranges between 8% to 25 % of their total production. In order to curb such wastage and to increase processing levels, certain policy initiatives have been taken by the Ministry.

1. The Ministry through its Plan Schemes extend financial assistance for setting up and modernization as also for promotion of the entire sector.
2. The Central Excise Duty of processed fruits and vegetable products have been brought down from 16% to 0%
3. In order to encourage setting up of more units in this sector, foreign direct investment in this sector has been brought under automatic route with certain conditions.