

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.

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-