

and processing for horticulture including organic produce, marine, dairy, poultry, etc. Other agencies of the Government like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processing Food Products Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes.

Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries, MFPI extends financial assistance to food processing industries including fruit and vegetable processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakh in general area or 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakh in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A & N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. In addition, under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States including J&K, higher levels of assistance @ 50% upto maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore for setting up and Rs. 1.00 crore for Upgradation of fruit and vegetables processing is available. These Schemes are aimed at creation of new processing capacity and up-gradation of existing processing capabilities, modernization of Food Processing Sector.

Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries, MFPI extended financial assistance to 19 food processing units including preservation units in J&K and Rs. 191.635 lakh has been released. Apart from this, 3 Food Parks has been approved and Rs. 1146.00 lakh has been approved for creation of infrastructure facilities in the state of J&K. Under Mini Mission-IV of Technology Mission, 8 food-processing units have been assisted during 11th plan and financial assistance of Rs. 453.50 lakh has been released.

Investment in food processing sector

4060. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an investment of Rs. one lakh crore is likely to be made in the food processing sector by 2015;

(b) if so, how much is going to be invested by Government and in what manner; and

(c) what are the details of the investment?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) As per Vision 2015 document of the Ministry, investments to the tune of Rs. 100,000 Crore are required to achieve the targets specified in the Vision for the year 2015. Of these, investment worth Rs. 10,000 Crore are expected from Government sector and Rs. 45,000 Crore each from Financial Institutional and the Private Sector. The investment by the Government would be in the form of resource support in implementation of various Schemes.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country including rural areas viz. i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with major components *i.e.* Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Modernization of Abattoirs and Value Added Centres, ii) Setting up of Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Expansion of FPI, iii) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex standards and R&D iv) Scheme for Human Resource Development, v) Scheme for Strengthening of institution and vi) Scheme for Upgradation of Quality of Street Food.

Under the scheme for Infrastructure Development, the Government has taken various initiatives to strengthen the Food Processing Infrastructure. Government has approved a scheme for Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain, Value Added Centres and Modernization of Abattoirs. The Mega Food Park scheme envisages a well-defined agri/horticultural-processing zone containing state of the art processing facilities with support infrastructure and well established supply chain. It aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimization of wastages and improving farmer's income. The primary objective of the scheme is to facilitate establishment of an integrated value chain, with processing at the core and supported by requisite forward and backward linkages.

Financial assistance (grant-in-aid) @ 50% of the project cost in General areas and 75% for NE Region & difficult areas (North East including Sikkim and J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) subject to maximum of Rs. 50 crore for creation of common Infrastructure facilities and facilities for backward and forward linkages and Project Management fee @ 5% of the grant to meet the cost of engaging project Management agency (PMA) at apex level to assist the Ministry and also domain consultancies for SPV.