

Promotion of international and national exhibitions

1880. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is promoting international and national exhibitions in various regions for bringing the Stakeholders face to face and develop the food processing industry; and

(b) if so, how many such exhibitions have been conducted in various places and the time taken to sanction such aids from the day of application?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes. Promotion of Food Processing Industry through international and national exhibitions is one of the activities undertaken by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the Scheme of Promotional Activities. The promotional activities of the Ministry are basically aimed at the popularisation and development of the processed food sector by creating awareness, attracting investment and bringing all the stake holders at one platform. The scheme has four components:-

- i) Seminars/Workshops.
- ii) Studies/Surveys.
- iii) Exhibitions/Fairs.
- iv) Study Tours.

Participation in national/international exhibitions/fairs is made and assistance is provided for organizing such events with the following broad objectives:-

- a) To disseminate information regarding food processing industry.
- b) To familiarize the existing and prospective entrepreneurs with modern techniques of production and packaging.
- c) Development of market and popularisation of products.
- d) Attracting investments by focusing attention on the development of Food Processing Industries.
- e) Bringing all the stake holders at one platform

(b) Fifteen Exhibitions including Exhibition-cum-Seminar have conducted/assisted during the current financial year till date as per the statement given in the statement (see below). The time taken by the Ministry to sanction/approve the proposals for financial assistance/hiring of space or stalls depends on various factors including the receipt of the application fulfilling all the requirements of the relevant scheme guidelines as also availability of funds and does not have any direct relation with the date on which the application/proposal is made by the applicant initially. In case of an

eligible application received in the prescribed manner, necessary approval is issued on a fast track basis subject to availability of funds. In case of a proposal/application not received in the prescribed manner or lacking in furnishing the complete information/document(s) required, the applicant is advised accordingly. The application is also processed immediately for necessary approval after the deficiencies are removed or a fresh/revised application complete in all respects is received.

Statement

Promotions of International and National Exhibitions

Sl.No.	Name and Date of Event	Place	Applicant organization
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Exhibitions (National)			
1.	Organizing 3-day mega event "Agro Protech 2009 and 2E Agri Business Summit: Ensuring Food Security & Global Competitiveness" held on 5th - 7th November 2009.	Kolkata	Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata
2.	Participated in AAHAR International Fair to be organized held on 27-29th August 2009.	Chennai	India Trade Promotional Organization, New Delhi
3.	Organizing Sumhati Mela held on 29th Jan.2010.	Kailashahar, North Tripura	Ashray, Tripura
Exhibition-cum-Seminar(s) (National)			
4.	Organizing International Conference cum Exhibition "5th Nutraceutical Summit and NuFFoodS; Ingredients & Products Expo" from 28th -30th Oct. 2009.	New Delhi	Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore
5.	Organizing Global Convention for Food Business "FOODWORLD-INDIA 2009" from 26th -27th November 2009.	Mumbai	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi
6.	Organizing Krishi 09 - "India Wine Show 2009 - International Trade Fair & Conference on Grape Processing Industry" from 26th - 30th Nov. 2009.	Nashik	Human Service Foundation, Nashik

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7.	Organizing the 20th Indian Convention of Food Scientists & Technologists (ICFOST 2009) from 21st - 23rd Dec. 2009	Bangalore	Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India), Mysore
8.	Organizing the event "Horti Food Fest, 2009" from 9th-13th Jan. 2010.	Kolkata	Department of Food Processing Industries & Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata
9.	Organizing 3-day exhibition-cum-seminar "Agro Protech 2009 and 2E Agri Business Summit: Ensuring Food Security & Global Competitiveness" from 5th - 7th November 2009.	Kolkata	Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata
10.	Organizing a seminar in the PANACEA 2010 - 4th Natural Products Expo India - International Trade Fair on Natural & Organic Products from 10th-12th Feb. 2010.	Mumbai	Seishido Communication, Mumbai
11.	Organizing the biennial India International Seafood Show (IISS) - 2010 at Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai organized by The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) from 19th - 21st Feb. 2010.	Mumbai	The Marine Products Export Development Authority, Kerala
Exhibitions (International)			
12.	Participated in "Africa's BIG 7 - 2009" held during July 19-21, 2009.	Johannesburg, South Africa	India Trade Promotional Organization, New Delhi
13.	Participated in "International Food & Drink Expo - India 2009" held during December 2-4, 2009.	New Delhi	Tarsus Group Plc. through Manch Communications

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14.	Participated jointly with APEDA in Anuga Fair 2009 held during October, 11-14, 2009.	Cologne, Germany	Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, New Delhi.
15.	Participated jointly with APEDA in Gulfood 2010 held during 21-24th Feb-2010.	Dubai	Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, New Delhi.

Grants-in-aid for NGOs

1881. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITEPATIL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to reduce its grants-in-aid in the next financial year for the NGOs in the food processing sector;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the allocations made as grants-in-aid to NGOs during the last three financial years; and
- (d) the details of grants already sanctioned during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector i.e. 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. All implementing agencies engaged in setting up/expansion/ modernization of food processing industries covering all segments are eligible for financial assistance. The implementing agencies include Central/State Government organizations/PSUs/NGOs/Cooperative societies and private sector units and individuals. The funds are allocated scheme-wise. No separate funds are earmarked to NGOs.