

(a) the financial assistance provided by Central Government to Rajasthan for food processing sector during last five years;

(b) whether farmers have been benefited financially by setting up of food processing units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance under its plan scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries in the country including that of Rajasthan in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and @33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. All implementing agencies engaged in Setting Up/Expansion/Modernisation of Food Processing Industries covering all segments are eligible for financial assistance. The implementing agencies include Central/State Government Organisation/PSUs/NGOs/ Cooperative Societies and Private Sector Units and Individuals including farmers.

The details of the financial assistance provided for the State of Rajasthan under the Scheme is as below:

(Rs. in lakh)

2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
(as on 31.10.2011)									
No. of Approved units	Amount Released	No. of Approved units	Amount Released	No. of Approved units	Amount Released	No. of Approved units	Amount Released	No. of Approved units	Amount Released
35	566.075	44	551.975	27	325.46	48	691.123	63	806.10

Schemes for SC/ST Enterprises to set up food parks

1322. SHRI. JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of schemes meant for SC/ST entrepreneurs to set up food parks and other food processing Industries; and

(b) the details of such projects in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) The Scheme of Infrastructure Development for Mega Food Park in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is not specific to any category of entrepreneurs. As per the guidelines for Mega Food Parks, the responsibility of execution, ownership & management would vest with a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) in which financial institution/Banks, organized retailers, processors, service providers, producers, farmer organizations and other related stock holders would be the equity holders.

Under Scheme of Technology Upgradation/Setting up/Modernization of Food Processing Industries, entrepreneurs including those from SC/ST category are eligible for grants-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas.

(b) 15 Projects of Mega Food Parks have already been approved, which are at various stages of implementation. Expression of Interest (EoI) has been called for, to set up 15 new Mega Food Parks in addition to the 15 ongoing projects.

Extension of Mid-Day-Meal Scheme

1323. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are impediments in implementing the Mid-day-Meal (MDM) Scheme due to lack of resources;

(b) if so, whether additional focus on taking MDMS to private unaided schools in Tribal, Scheduled Caste and Minority districts would take place;

(c) whether MDM under National Child Labour Programme, which is currently in progress in nine States, would be extended to 20 States as planned; and

(d) if not, how Government intends to remedy the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Working Group on Elementary Education & Literacy for the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17), has recommended extension of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) to private unaided schools in the Tribal areas of the country.