

grapes and wine conforming to global standards. This would result in increase in farmers' income by getting remunerative prices for their produce and consumers will get quality products. The grape processors are expected to get better market access for their products.

#### **Separate Ministry for supply chain and logistic sector**

1931. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering the need for more attention, Government would establish a separate Ministry for the supply chain and logistics sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Establishment of supply chain and logistic sector for the specific products/ commodities etc. are looked after by the respective Ministry/ Department of Government of India.

#### **Setting up of FPIS in rural areas**

1932. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives in establishing food processing units in rural areas with raw material sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) to (c) Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance is provided in the form of grants-in-aid for setting up of new food processing units as well as Technological Upgradation and Expansion of existing units in the country including rural areas. Ministry extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas.

The State-wise details of financial assistance and number of units assisted in the 11th Plan period is given in statement.