

Food processing industries in South Gujarat

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

(a) the action taken by the Ministry in coordination with State Government of Gujarat for development of food processing industries, particularly in South Gujarat which is the largest producer of various varieties of mangoes and vegetables;

(b) whether the Ministry is considering to set-up mega food processing plaza in South Gujarat;

(c) if so, the time-frame and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons for not including Gujarat for setting up food processing plaza in the first phase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme- "National Mission on Food Processing" (NMFP) during 12th Plan to be implemented through the State Governments. The scheme provides for greater role to States/UTs in implementation of the scheme including flexibility in the selection of beneficiaries, location of projects etc. for the development of food processing sector.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Industries with aim to creation of new processing capacity, Upgradation of existing processing capabilities and modernization of Food Processing Sector extends financial assistance to food processing units in the country including South Gujarat in the form of grants-in-aid to the implementing agencies/entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas, or @ 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North-Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. The beneficiaries include Central/State Government organizations/PSUs/NGOs/Cooperative societies and private sector units and individuals.

(b) to (d) One Mega Food Park at Vadodara, Gujarat has been approved by the Ministry in the 2nd phase. The Ministry has sought EOIs for 15 new Mega Food Parks to be setup in the 3rd phase. In response to the EOI, 63 proposals

have been received from different States including 6 proposals from Gujarat. The proposals are being appraised in the Ministry as per the criteria laid down in the guidelines of the scheme.

Fund utilisation in Uttar Pradesh

4720. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds/amounts given to/spent in Uttar Pradesh by the Ministry and its various organisations during last three years and the current year, so far;
- (b) the purposes for which these amounts were given/spent; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase those funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country including Uttar Pradesh, viz. (i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with components of Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Value Addition & Preservation Infrastructure and Modernization of Abattoirs, (ii) Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernisation of Food Processing Industries, (iii) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and Research & Development (iv) Scheme for Human Resource Development, (v) Scheme for Strengthening of Institution. The details of the financial assistance provided to the State of Uttar Pradesh during last three years and current year is as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Name of the scheme	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Scheme for Infrastructure Development	-	-	446.51	-
Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries	560.63	1078.638	907.05132	241.43
Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and Research & Development	-	41.80	41.13	-
Scheme for Human Resource Development	114.48	115.015	52.556	-