

**Study regarding need for FPU's and cold chain storages**

2235. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out a study regarding need of Food Processing Units (FPU's) and cold chain storages for multi nodal transporting system for food products, especially fruits, vegetables, fishes and animal products; and

(b) if so, the details of blue print laid for every State, under PPP mode, State and private sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Food processing technology at farm level**

2236. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers are assisted towards promoting food processing amongst them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the specific steps taken to provide food processing technology at farm level; and

(d) to what extent the farmers are being benefited in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country for the benefit of various stakeholders including farmers. These are: (i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with components of Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation infrastructure and Modernization of Abattoirs, (ii) Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries (FPIs), (iii) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and Research and Development (iv) Scheme for Human Resources Development, (v) Scheme for Strengthening of Institutions.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends the financial assistance under its Eleventh Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries in the country including for setting up food processing industries at farm level. The Scheme envisages the grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and 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, Uttarakhand, 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 Organization/PSUs/NGOs/Cooperative Societies and Private Sector Units and individuals including farmers.

(d) Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries, during Eleventh Plan 3229 food processing units have been assisted with an amount of Rs.560.209 crores and in the current year towards Eleventh Plan spillover liabilities 614 food processing units have been assisted with an amount of Rs.91.53 crores (as on 31.07.2012) which has benefitted applicants of all categories including farmers.

Government has approved the launching of National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) for implementation through the State/Union Territory Governments during 2012-13. The basic objective of NMFP is decentralization of implementation of Ministry's schemes (including Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of FPIs) which will lead to substantial participation by the State Governments/UTs. The NMFP is likely to add significantly to the Ministry's outreach in terms of planning, supervision and monitoring of assistance through this scheme. The NMFP would also provide flexibility to States/UTs in the selection of beneficiaries, location of projects etc. for the development of food processing sector including farmers.

#### **National Mission on Food Processing**

2237. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Working Group constituted on food processing sector for the Ministry for Twelfth Five Year Plan has recommended for launch of a new centrally sponsored scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP); and

(b) whether the scheme has been finalised; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has approved the launching of National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) main scheme through States/UTs during 2012-13. The basic objective of NMFP is decentralization of implementation of Ministry's schemes, which will lead to substantial participation by State Governments/UTs. The NMFP is likely to add significantly to the Ministry's outreach in terms of planning, supervision and