

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.

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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

monitoring of assistance through this scheme. The Major Programmes/Schemes to be covered under NMFP during 2012-13 are:-

- (i) Scheme for Technology Up-gradation/Establishment/Modernisation of Food Processing Industries.
- (ii) Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for Non Horticultural Products.
- (iii) Scheme for Modernisation of Abattoirs (no targets for 2012-13 and 2013-14)
- (iv) Scheme for Human Resource Development (HRD)
 - (a) Creation of Infrastructure Facilities for Running Degree/Diploma/Certificate Courses in Food Processing Technology.
 - (b) Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP)
 - (c) Food Processing Training Centre (FPTC)
- (v) Scheme for Promotional Activities
 - (a) Organizing Seminars/Workshops
 - (b) Conducting Studies/Surveys
 - (c) Support to Exhibitions/Fairs
 - (d) Advertisement and Publicity

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2238. SHRI KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the adverse report on the working of Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDMS) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a Central Team has visited various States to supervise the functioning of the scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to ensure quality meals to children in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) 86 complaints (misappropriation of funds 30, poor quality of