

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

(b) The Government has launched National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) main scheme through States/UTs during 2012-13 with an objective of decentralization of implementation of Ministry's schemes, which will lead to substantial participation by State Governments/UTs and 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) with following components *i.e.* (a) Creation of Infrastructure Facilities for Running Degree/Diploma/Certificate Courses in Food Processing Technology; (b) Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) and (c) Food Processing Training Centre (FPTC).
 - (v) Scheme for Promotional Activities *i.e.* (a) Organizing Seminar/Workshops; (b) Conducting Studies/Surveys; (c) Support to Exhibitions/Fairs and (d) Advertisement and Publicity.
- (c) The scheme is already in operation during 2012-13 with the help of State Government/UTs.

Fruit processing in Uttarakhand

†223. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry feels the need of processing the fruits keeping in view the abundance thereof in the State of Uttarakhand;

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(b) if so, whether his Ministry is going to consider on the proposal of materialising any action plan based on the fruits;

(c) whether his Ministry will provide grants to the youths of the State to establish industries for processing; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) and (b) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern region including Sikkim, was sanctioned by Government of India during Ninth Plan. Considering the potential of Horticulture for socio-economic development of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, which are contiguous hilly States. Government of India has approved for implementation of the Technology Mission on Horticulture to these States during 2003-04, with the title of the scheme as "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. This scheme is operational during 2012-13 also.

Under the Mini Mission-IV of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, assistance at still higher rates *i.e.* @ 50% upto Rs. 4 crore for setting up of new food processing units and upto Rs. 1 crore for Upgradation/modernization of existing units is available to industries involved in processing of horticultural produce.

(c) and (d) In addition, Government has launched National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) through States/UTs during 2012-13 with an objective of decentralization of implementation of Ministry's schemes, which will lead to substantial participation by State Governments/UTs and 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:-

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The above scheme is meant for all the eligible entrepreneurs in the Mini Mission-IV area including for the youth of Uttarakhand.

Development of cold storage chains

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

(a) whether Government has formulated policy to develop cold storage chains from farm gate to market place by involving modern technology through foreign direct investment (FDI); and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to train the rural youths to handle such technology and machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) Government has permitted 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in food processing sector including cold chain set up for this purpose, except alcoholic beverages and items reserved for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).

(b) Government is providing financial assistance under National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) for training, skill development of youths in food processing. Government has also established National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) and Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) for skill development in food processing and preservation technology.