

subsumed in the NMFP. In addition, the NMFP has a component of Human Resource Development (HRD) for providing financial assistance for training and skill development in food processing under National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP). Government has also established National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) and Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) for skill development in food processing and preservation technology.

People employed in FPIs

†2861. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated number of persons engaged in Food Processing Industries (FPIs), in public as well as in private sector, in the country;
- (b) whether Government has estimated the possible number of jobs to be created by FPIs in the country by the year 2015;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) what additional incentives would be provided to States/Union Territories for setting up FPIs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) The total number of persons engaged in Food Processing Industries (FPIs) as per the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) and National Sample Survey (NSS) 67th Round for both registered and unregistered units during 2010-11 was 64.67 lakh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme-National Mission in Food Processing (NMFP) on 1.4.2012 to support food processing industry with active participation of the State/UT Governments. The scheme provides for the establishment of a National Mission as well as corresponding Missions at the State and District level for implementation of the scheme. The various components under the scheme relate to (i) Technology Up-gradation/

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Establishment/Modernisation of Food Processing Industries; (ii) Setting up Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for Non-Horticultural Products; (iii) Modernisation of Abattoirs; (iv) Human Resource Development; and (v) Promotional Activities.

NMFP is implemented with financial contribution of Government of India and States/UTs in the ratio of 75:25, except for North-Eastern States, where the ratio is 90:10. Further, in UTs administered by Government of India, it is funded 100% by Government of India. This funding pattern is applicable to all components under the scheme.

Development and expansion of FPIs

†2862. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Food Processing Industries (FPIs) of the country have huge potential for growth and expansion;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has implemented special schemes for encouraging foreign investment for the development and expansion of this industry; and
- (d) if so, the names of the schemes implemented during 2012-13 and the details of financial concessions provided by Government to this industry?

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

(b) In order to develop the base of Food Processing Sector, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a scheme for Infrastructure Development which includes components of (i) Mega Food Parks; (ii) Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure; and (iii) Modernisation of abattoirs. For promoting Research and Development in food processing sector, the Ministry has been extending financial assistance to Central/State Government organizations/ NTs/Universities for undertaking projects aimed at reduction of wastage and spoilage of food and food products, development of technologies and methods for processing/ preservation of food products, development and standardization of packaging technologies for food products, development of new products/processes, etc.

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