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#### **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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Apart from this, Government has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme-National Mission on 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 NMFP has subsumed the schemes relating to (i) Technology Upgradation/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.

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(c) and (d) 100% Foreign Direct Investment is allowed in Food Processing Sector except items reserved for small scale sector. Foreign investors can also take advantage of the development schemes being implemented by this Ministry, as per guidelines of the respective schemes.

#### **Filling up of vacant posts in primary schools**

2863. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: .

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

(a) whether Government is taking up the filling up of the vacant posts in primary schools under Rajiv Vidya Mission to ensure implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this direction so far, State-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has requested the State Government and Union Territories to expedite recruitment of teachers as well as to carry out the redeployment of existing teachers to ensure that all schools have pupil-teacher ratios as laid down under