

- National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) implemented through State/UT Governments during 12th Five Year Plan. Under the Mission, one of the schemes is for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries, which aims at creation of new processing capacity and up-gradation of existing processing capabilities in sectors. Under the scheme, financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid is provided to entrepreneurs as per following pattern of assistance:

- 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of ₹ 50 lakhs in general areas.
- 33.33% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of ₹ 75 lakhs in difficult areas (*i.e.* Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep) and Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas.
- 50% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works, subject to a maximum of ₹100 lakhs for North-Eastern States including Sikkim.

All the State/UT Governments have been empowered to receive the applications, sanction and release of grant-in-aid to the eligible beneficiaries including youths/women under the NMFP. States also have flexibility in selection of location of projects as well as beneficiaries, to harness the potential of value addition by using locally grown raw material.

(b) Under the above scheme of the Mission, all implementing agencies/Organizations such as Government/PSUs/Joint Ventures/NGOs/Cooperatives/SHGs/Private Sector/Individuals including youth/women engaged in establishment/upgradation/modernization of food processing units would be eligible for financial assistance under the scheme.

Cold storage capacity in Tamil Nadu

3081. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to augment cold storage capacity in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the steps likely to be taken in the next five years to augment the cold storage facility in the State, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) and (b) For setting up of integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure facilities without any break from the farm gate to the consumer, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure since 2008-09 throughout the country including Tamil Nadu. The scheme is primarily private sector driven wherein financial assistance @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for NE region and difficult areas (North-Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) subject to a maximum grant-in-aid of ₹ 10 Crore per project is provided for setting up the cold chain infrastructure in the country. The scheme is available in all States/UTs and rural and urban areas. Integrated cold chain and preservation infrastructure can be set up by individuals, groups of entrepreneurs, cooperative societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs, Central/State PSUs, etc.

Further, the Ministry has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme *i.e.* National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 12th Plan. For setting up of cold chain projects for non-horticulture produce like dairy, meat, poultry, fish etc., financial assistance is provided as (a) Capital Subsidy: Grant-in-aid @35% of the bank appraised project cost for general areas, and @ 50% of the project cost for difficult areas including North Eastern region, subject to maximum of ₹ 5 crore. (b) Interest Subsidy: Interest subsidy @ 6% per annum subject to a maximum of ₹ 2.00 crore per project or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower, for a period of 5 years from completion of the project for general areas, and @ 7 % per annum subject to a maximum of ₹ 3.00 crore per project or actual interest accrued on term loan, whichever is lower, for a period of 7 years from completion of the project for difficult areas including NER.

In addition, National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and National Horticulture Board (NHB), under Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India are also providing assistance for setting up cold storages under their respective schemes. Credit linked back ended subsidy @ 35% of the project cost in general areas and 50% in case of hilly and scheduled areas is given under the scheme.

Proposals under the Central Sector scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure are invited by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries on all India basis against Expression of Interest in respect of fixed number of slots

approved by the Government and the eligibility for grant-in-aid is determined as per scheme guidelines. The proposals under the scheme of Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure (for non-horti products) under Centrally sponsored National Mission on Food Processing are invited and approved by the State/UT Governments.

Employment generation in FPI sector

3082. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Food Processing Industry (FPI) sector has immense potential in terms of generating employment, country-wide;

(b) if so, the details of job-oriented training programmes being implemented in this sector in the country, including rural and tribal areas, during last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of institutes which provide research facility in food technology, State-wise; and

(d) the details of incentives provided to small and medium entrepreneurs for setting up FPIs or strengthening existing units' capacity during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) Food Processing Sector forms an important segment of the Indian economy in terms of employment and value addition. As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for 2011-12, the total number of persons engaged in registered food processing units was 17.77 lakh, constituting 12.13 per cent of employment in registered factory sector. Employment in registered food processing sector has been growing annually on an average rate of 3.79 per cent for last five years ending 2011-12.

(b) With a view to augmenting the supply of trained man power, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) has been implementing Food Processing Training Centre (FPTC) component under the Human Resource Development scheme since 9th Five Year Plan period. In the 12th Five Year Plan, the scheme has been subsumed under