

atmosphere storage, reefer vans and setting up of ripening chambers, etc. Under post-harvest component, credit linked back ended subsidy @ 35% of the project cost in general areas and @ 50% in case of hilly and scheduled areas is available.

Schemes for promotion of FPIs in North-Eastern States

734. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the details of schemes being implemented by Government in North-Eastern States for promotion of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) during the last year, scheme-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): For promotion and development of food processing sector in the country including North-Eastern States, Ministry is implementing various Central Sector Schemes, namely (1) Scheme for Infrastructure Development for Food Processing having components of Mega Food Park, Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition & Preservation Infrastructure and Modernization of Abattoirs (2) Scheme of Technology Up-gradation / Establishment / Modernization of Food Processing Industries (spill-over liabilities) (3) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards, Research & Development and Other Promotional Activities (4) Scheme for Human Resource Development (spill-over liabilities) and (5) Scheme of Strengthening of Institutions.

During the 12th Five Year Plan, Ministry also launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'National Mission on Food Processing' (NMFP) for implementation through the State Governments / Union Territories (UTs). The scheme was having the components of (i) Technology Up-gradation / Setting up / Modernization of Food Processing Units (ii) Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure for Non-Horticulture Products (iii) Modernisation of Abattoirs (iv) Human Resource Development (v) Promotional Activities (vi) Creating Primary Processing Centers / Collection Centers in Rural Areas (vii) Modernisation of Meat Shops (viii) Reefer Vehicles and (ix) Food Park (Old Scheme). However, NMFP has been delinked from Central Government support w.e.f. 1.4.2015, except for UTs.

Assistance to States for strengthening irrigation facilities

†735. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is an agricultural country and is committed to strengthen the farmers and in this regard it has been announced that each and every field of farmers will be provided water for irrigation;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.