

**Promotion of food processing sector in Jharkhand**

\*162. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of micro, small and medium food processing units functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the contribution of such units in the food processing sector in the country;
- (c) the details of employment opportunities created by these units in the country during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to promote food processing sector in Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL): (a) As per the latest census [Fourth All India Census of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)] conducted (with base reference year 2006-07), wherein the data was collected till 2009 and results published in 2011-12, the estimated number of registered food processing units in MSME sector were 2.23 lakh. State-wise distribution of number of units is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) As per the same MSME Census referred in part (a), the contribution of registered food processing units in MSME sector, in terms of value addition, was ₹ 42,659 crore. In terms of employment, the total number of persons engaged in registered food processing units in MSME sector was 14.68 lakhs.

(d) To promote food processing Units in the country including Jharkhand, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing Schemes of Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure, Setting up/Modernization of Abattoirs and Strengthening of Institutions. Under these Schemes, grant in aid is given for setting up of projects. The Ministry has sanctioned 1 Mega Food Park and 1 Abattoir in the State of Jharkhand.

***Statement***

*State-wise distribution of registered food processing  
units in MSME Sector, 2006-07*

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of Enterprises
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	13163
3	Arunachal Pradesh	94

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of Enterprises
4	Assam	4376
5	Bihar	7498
6	Chandigarh	49
7	Chhattisgarh	2533
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	130
9	Daman and Diu	12
10	Delhi	74
11	Goa	756
12	Gujarat	11325
13	Haryana	3665
14	Himachal Pradesh	4154
15	Jammu and Kashmir	2270
16	Jharkhand	1279
17	Karnataka	21836
18	Kerala	24167
19	Lakshadweep	27138
20	Madhya Pradesh	14876
21	Maharashtra	11189
22	Manipur	729
23	Meghalaya	805
24	Mizoram	615
25	Nagaland	121
26	Odisha	5129
27	Puducherry	94
28	Punjab	5114
29	Rajasthan	7542
30	Sikkim	45
31	Tamil Nadu	302
32	Tripura	272

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of Enterprises
33	Uttar Pradesh	39313
34.	Uttarakhand	4956
35.	West Bengal	7400
	ALL INDIA	2,23,018

#### Subsidy on fertilizers

\*163 DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fertilizers subsidy provided by Government during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) the step taken by the Government to rationalize the fertilizers subsidy; and

(c) the outcome of these measures?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The amount of fertilizers subsidy provided by Government during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is as under:

(₹ in crores)

Particulars	Imported Urea	Imported P&K Fertilizers	Indigenous P&K Fertilizers	Indigenous Urea	Total
2012-13	20016.00	14576.10	16000.00	20000.00	70592.10
2013-14	15353.30	13926.86	15500.00	26500.00	71280.16
2014-15	16200.00	8667.30	12000.00	38200.01	75067.31

(b) The Government has notified the New Urea Policy, 2015 on 25th May, 2015 for existing gas based urea units with the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production; promoting energy efficiency in urea production; and rationalizing subsidy burden on the Government.

The Government has implemented Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy *w.e.f.* 1.4.2010 for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) Fertilizers. NBS policy has been subsequently amended *vide* OM dated 28.05.2015 to rationalize the treatment of closing stock at the end of financial year in case of increase/decrease of NBS rates.

(c) Production of urea in the country has increased with an all time high in indigenous production in 2015-16 (up to February, 2016). Availability of fertilizers