

FPI proposal of Maharashtra

553. SHRI BALAWANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for food processing projects from Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) the financial assistance released for these projects to the State under Government plan schemes; and

(d) the present status of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project cases received from Maharashtra year-wise are as under:—

Year	No. of project cases
2001-02	53
2002-03	82
2003-04	81

(c) and (d) The amount of financial assistance released for the projects in Maharashtra during the last three years was Rs. 2181.44 lakh. There are certain deficiencies in some project proposals. Grant of financial assistance in such cases will depend on technical and financial viability of the projects.

Health problems due to use of Endosulfan in Kerala

554. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of villagers are suffering from serious health problems due to the use of Endosulfan in the plantation areas of Kasargod district in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the nature of diseases and the number of people affected so far;