

Subsidy on food products

2228. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the amount of subsidy being given by Government on food products, the details thereof for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not provide subsidy on food products. However, for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country, this Ministry has provided grants-in-aid of ₹ 579.73 crore during 2014-15 and ₹ 466.49 crore during 2015-16 under its various Central Sector Schemes. The details of these Central Sector Schemes are available on Ministry's website (www.mofpi.nic.in).

Schemes for promotion of FPIs

†2229. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's scheme to promote Food Processing Industries (FPIs);

(b) the facilities being provided to farmers for establishing food processing units under existing policy; and

(c) whether, keeping in view the fact that vegetables are grown on large scale in and around Buxar in Bihar, Government would formulate any scheme for establishing processing units, especially vegetable based, and implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) to (c) For promotion and development of food processing sector in the country, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a number of Central Sector Schemes, namely (1) Scheme for Mega Food Parks; (2) Scheme for Modern Abattoirs; (3) Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure; (4) Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation; (5) Scheme for Quality Assurance; and (6) Scheme for Human Resource and Institutions. Farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, Individuals, Group of Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives Societies, Self Help Groups, NGO's, Central/State PSU etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance under these schemes for setting up food processing industries in the country. The willing farmers/entrepreneurs of Buxar in Bihar may also take advantage of these schemes for setting up food processing industries in the State of Bihar. The details of these schemes are available on the website of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (www.mofpi.nic.in).

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