

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing scheme for Research and Development in food processing sector. As per the scheme guidelines, Government organization/Institutions/ Universities are eligible for 100% grant-in-aid for the cost of equipment, consumables and expenditure related to Junior Research Fellow/ Senior Research Fellow/ Research Associate and private organizations/ Institutions/ Universities are eligible for 50% grant-in-aid for the equipment cost in general areas and 70% grant-in-aid in difficult areas for conducting such research activities. Number of R&D projects assisted and total grant-in-aid released during the last three years as well as current year are as under:—

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	No. of New Projects approved during the year	Total Grant-in-Aid released under R&D scheme (*)
1.	2013-14	38	1097.73
2.	2014-15	21	638.66
3.	2015-16	23	613.37
4.	2016-17 (upto 28.02.17)	Nil	312.80
TOTAL		82	2662.56

(*) Amount indicated above also includes 2nd and 3rd instalment for on-going projects.

(c) and (d) Under Section 35 of the Income Tax Act, there is provision for weighted deduction of 150% on capital and revenue expenditure incurred on in-house Research and Development by a company from Financial Year 2017-18 to Financial Year 2019-20. The deduction shall be restricted to 100% from Financial Year 2020-21 onwards.

Growth of Food Processing Industry

1844. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the cumulative growth of the domestic Food Processing Industry (FPI) in the

country in the last three years; and

(b) whether demonetisation has adversely impacted the FPI in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) As per the information provided by Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the growth rate of Gross Value Added in Food Processing Industry at 2011-12 prices is as under:—

Year (April-March)	Growth (%)
2013-14	1.60
2014-15	12.82
2015-16	6.87

(b) No such assessment has been made by this Ministry.

Setting up of small food processing units

1845. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to set up 200 small food processing units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Telangana;

(c) the facilities and benefits to be extended to these 200 units;

(d) whether in the absence of cold chain bogies to at least superfast express trains, food processing sector is not able to speed up food processing in the country;

(e) if so, whether any consultations have been held with Railways in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, whether the Ministry would consult Railways in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) to (c) No Sir. Currently, there is no such Scheme in Ministry of Food Processing Industries.