

is allowed for food products manufactured or produced in India. Food processors from different countries have been investing in India including from the USA with modern technology and tapping the investment opportunities in India. Recently, during the World Food India, 2017 event organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries during November 3-5, 2017, major US companies like Amazon, Coca Cola, Cargil, Pepsico and Kellogg India have signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) for investment in the sector.

Growth of food processing industry

4592. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Food Processing Industries (FPIs) are growing steadily;
- (b) if so, the details of average growth of the industry during the last three years;
- (c) whether the steady growth of the industry has succeeded in getting Foreign Direct Investments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) and (b) As per the latest available estimates of Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the average annual growth rates of Gross Value Added in Food processing industry at 2011-12 prices during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 are 1.60 per cent, 12.82 per cent and 6.87 per cent respectively.

(c) and (d) As per the data provided by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), the year-wise FDI equity inflow into the food processing sector in India during 2014-15 to 2016-17 is as follows:—

FDI Equity Inflows in Food Processing Sector

Year	FDI Inflow (In US\$ Million)
2014-15	515.86
2015-16	505.88
2016-17	727.22