

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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INVESTMENT OF ASEAN AND TAIWAN IN INDIA'S FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

756. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Government has signed an MoU with any country, especially Taiwan to mutually recognize each other's food product standards, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether talks have been initiated by the Ministry to enter into such agreements;
- (c) the details of the investment of ASEAN countries and Taiwan in the Indian food processing sector in the last three years; and
- (d) whether studies have been commissioned to look into collaboration with other countries in the food processing sector, if so, the findings from such studies and the action taken by Government on the recommendations of such studies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): The following Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)/ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) have been signed with Japan, Italy, Vietnam and Taiwan:

- (i) An MoC has been signed between Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan for promotion of investment in the food processing sector including cold chain.
- (ii) An MoU has been signed between Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Italy to enhance cooperation in the field of food processing to promote capacity building, skill development, exploring market potential, supply of advanced food processing technologies etc.
- (iii) An MoU has been signed between the Bureau of Indian Standards of India and the Directorate for Standard, Metrology and Quality of Vietnam for Cooperation in the fields of Standardization and Conformity Assessment.
- (iv) An MoU has been signed between Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Taipei Economic & Cultural Centre, Taiwan for effective cooperation in the field of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries, aqua culture and food processing fields.

(c): 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted under the automatic route for the food processing sector. Details of FDI in Food Processing sector from ASEAN countries and Taiwan for the last three years are as under: -

(in US \$ million)				
S. No.		2019-20	2020-21	2021--22
1.	ASEAN countries	202.47	39.04	320.62
2.	Taiwan	1.01	0	0

(d): No Sir.