

Popularising fortification of processed food products

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

(a) the processed food products which are fortified with minerals and Vitamins;

(b) how many processing units have opted for and are actually fortifying the food products;

(c) whether the Ministry has organised any workshops/conferences to motivate industry to fortify its products; and

(d) what efforts are made by the Ministry to popularise the fortified food ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI T. N. SHANMUGAM) : (a) and (b) Food processing industries are both in the organised and unorganised sector. It is also a delicensed sector. As such comprehensive data on units manufacturing fortified foods is not centrally maintained. As per information available, some units manufacturing flour, biscuits, vegetable oil, infant milk food, salt, bread etc. are fortifying their food products.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has assisted/co-sponsored workshops/conferences for promotion of fortification with industry. Five such workshops have been held in the last 3 years. Promotional campaigns have also been mounted in different sections of media.

Assistance for setting up of laboratories for controlling quality of processed food

3787. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent by Government during the last three years for setting up laboratories to check the quality of processed food and the places where such laboratories have been set up, year-wise;