

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING UNITS .**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India produces World's 9 per cent of fruits (50 million tonnes) and 11 per cent of vegetables (90 million tonnes) out of which only 2 per cent of this vast raw material base is processed;
- (b) if so, the domestic consumption being limited due to factors like high prices, coupled with non-availability of reliable and quick transport infrastructure, what percentage of fruits and vegetables goes waste, resulting in the fruit and vegetable growing farmers suffering substantial monetary loss; and
- (c) the perspective planning in Twelfth and Thirteenth Five Year Plans for establishing food processing units near the produce/ crops so that growers do not force wastage?

**ANSWER**

## THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b): The level of processing of fruits & vegetables in the country is estimated at 2.20%. The low level of fruit and vegetable processing is due to non-availability of processable varieties of raw materials at right quantity and quality, seasonable nature of industry, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities etc. However, over the last few years, there has been a positive growth in fruit and vegetable processed products such as ready-to-serve beverages, fruit juices and pulps, dehydrated and frozen fruits and vegetable products, tomato products, pickle, convenience veg-spice pastes, processed mushrooms and curried vegetables.

(c): However in order to increase level of processing and to promote food processing industries to exploit both the domestic and international market potential for processed food products, Vision 2015 Document has been finalized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) in 2005 which envisages tripling the size of the processed food sector by increasing the level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20% value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global food trade from 1.5% to 3% by 2015. No Planning has been made at present for Twelfth and Thirteenth Five Year Plans for establishing food processing units near the produce/ crops so that growers do not force wastage.