

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 26.07.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CROP PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY .**

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Dr. Janardhan Waghmare

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

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) has recently signed an MoU with the University of Saskatchewan, Canada for collaborating research and training in the field of food processing and exchange of faculty and students;

(b) if so, the details of MoU signed; and

(c) to what extent MoU with Canada will help in the development of post harvest management and food processing in the country? ANSWER

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## THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a): Yes Sir. IICPT has recently signed MoU with the University of Saskatchewan, Canada on 07.6.2010 for collaborative research and training in the field of food processing and exchange of faculty and students.

(b): The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the College of Engineering, University of Saskatchewan (UofS) and the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) is intended to facilitate a collaborative program of research, training, curriculum, institutional development, information dissemination, and exchange of faculty, students and staff. This MoU encourages, inter-alia, the Educational and Academic exchanges of faculty, students, and staff for purposes of teaching, research, sabbaticals and advanced training, etc.

(c): Canada has advanced technologies for processing, preservation, storage, controlled atmosphere storage and value addition of cereal grains, pulses and oilseeds. India can make use of the time tested post harvest technologies that are being used in Canada for reducing the losses in the post harvest system and for producing value added food products. Furthermore, University of Saskatchewan has advanced research laboratories and experts in the field of post harvest technologies. IICPT's Scientists and Students can take up training in their laboratories to update their knowledge based on post harvest technologies.