

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

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SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA

Will the Minister of COALFOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to establish agro based industries in order to provide country`s farmers remunerative prices for their crops;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that in order to establish agro based industries there is a need for rapid development of food technologies; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken for rapid development of food technologies? ANSWER

**ANSWER**

## THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. In order to improve the rapid development of Food processing sector and food technologies, capacity of food processing sector and competitiveness of the Indian food processing industries, nationally as well as internationally, the Government has formulated and implementing various plan schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector i.e. i) Scheme for Infrastructure Development with major components i.e. Mega Food Park, Cold Chain, Modernization of Abattoirs and Value Added Centres, ii) Setting up of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/Modernization of FPI, iii) Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and R&D iv) Scheme for Human Resource Development, v) Scheme for Strengthening of Institution and vi) Scheme for Upgradation of Quality of Street Food.

Apart from above, Ministry is implementing a Scheme for Technology Upgradation / Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries through which entrepreneurs are supported by grant support. They are expected to bring in developed technologies in food processing sector.

Further, under the scheme for Infrastructure Development, the Government has taken various initiatives to strengthen the Food Processing Infrastructure. Government has approved a scheme for Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain, Value Added Centres and Modernization of Abattoirs. The Mega Food Park scheme envisages a well-defined agri/horticultural- processing zone containing state of the art processing facilities with support infrastructure and well established supply chain. It aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimization of wastages and improving farmers' income. The primary objective of the scheme is to facilitate establishment of an integrated value chain, with processing at the core and supported by requisite forward and backward linkages. An integrated strategy for promotion of agribusiness-Vision, Strategy and Action Plan for the Food Processing Sector has also been approved by the Government.