

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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ANSWERED ON
FOOD PROCESSING CAPACITY .

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the huge export potential of the agricultural and processed food products;
- (b) if so, whether Government is also aware that tapping this potential largely depends on the capability of food processing sector;
- (c) the present food processing capacity available in the country; and
- (d) how this capacity is proposed to be increased? ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The data on food processing capacity available in the country is not maintained centrally in the Ministry.

(d): In order to improve the 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/ Modernization/ Expansion 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. Besides, the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is also implementing various schemes for promotion of export of agricultural and processed food products with a view to maximise foreign exchange earning through increased exports of agro products, to provide better income to the farmers and to create employment opportunities by encouraging value added export of farm produce.