

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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PROCESSING IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the percentage of the agricultural production being processed in the country at present;
- (b) the remedial steps taken by Government to boost the level of processing and attract investment in this sector;
- (c) whether there is a substantial lack of necessary research and development in the field of food processing in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the schemes and awareness programs launched by Government so far in this regards?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) had commissioned a study by M/s Deloitte titled “Study to determine the level of food processing in India”. As per the study report (2021), the estimated level of processing (in per cent) for major agricultural commodities are as under:

Commodity	2015-16 (%)	2018 -19 (%)
Coarse Cereals	28.3	29.4
Fruits	2.9	4.5
Vegetables	2.2	2.70
Milk	20.1	21.1
Fish	8.3	15.4
Meat	22.7	34.2

(b): MoFPI implements various schemes like Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna (PMKSY), Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) and Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes to create additional post-harvest facilities/ processing infrastructure to boost value addition, reduce post-harvest loses, leverage investment and generate employment. The Government has also allowed 100% foreign direct investment in food processing sector under the automatic route.

(c): MoFPI implements the scheme of Research & Development, as a component of PMSKY, for extending financial assistance to undertake demand driven R & D work for the benefit of food processing sector. Two National Institutes of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)-Thanjavur and Kundli, under the Ministry, also undertakes several research programmes in the food processing sector.

(d) Promotional initiatives of the Ministry are undertaken in order to create awareness about the potential and prospect of food processing industry in the country and about schemes/policies of the Government by providing assistance for organizing Workshops, Seminars, Exhibitions and Fairs. Promotional activities through the various social media platforms of the Ministry are also undertaken.
