FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR AS EMPLOYMENT INTENSIVE INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of Food Processing Industries be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Food Processing Sector is one of the major employment intensive industries in the country;

(b)   if so, the details of employment opportunities generated in the country during the last three years;

(c)   whether Government has carried out any study to identify the manpower required to cater to the increasing demand in the Food Processing Sector and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d)   the details of job-oriented training programmes and centres in the country for capacity building and skill development for operation of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) and Mega Food Parks (MFPs) in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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(a)   & (b): Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) releases data on various aspect of registered manufacturing sectors, including employment in registered food processing sector through the Annual Survey of Industries(ASI). As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries 2019-20, food processing sector contributed 12.22% of total persons engaged in the registered manufacturing sector. The details of employment in food processing sector for last three years, as per Annual Survey of Industries, are as under:

Year	Employment (In lakh)
2017-18	19.33
2018-19	20.05
2019-20	20.32

Source: Annual Survey of Industries 2017-18,2018-19 & 2019-20

In addition, as per the 73rd round of National Sample Survey (July 2015 to June 2016), 51.11 lakh persons were engaged in unincorporated food processing sector.

(c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) commissioned a study titled "Study to assess Human Resource and Skill Requirements in Indian Food Processing Sector during 2021-2030" through M/s. Feedback Business Consulting Services Private Limited, Bangalore. The study was mandated to cover 11 sub-sectors of the Food Processing Sector as they are considered the major segments in terms of production, huge scope for increasing processing levels, the requirement of the skilled labour force, etc. The 11 sub-sectors are – Bread and Bakery products, Cold Chain (including logistics), Dairy Products, Fish and Seafood processing, Fruits & Vegetables Processing, Meat & Poultry Processing, Milling (Grains & Oilseeds), Beverages (Tea & Coffee), Ready-to-Eat & Ready-to-Cook Products, Soya Processing and Spices. The study has identified that the net expected number of skilled human resource requirement in these 11 sub-sectors of Food Processing during 2021-30 is around 13.4 Lakh.

(d): The programmes for capacity building and skill development for food processing sector are provided through:

- National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) – at Kundli and Thanjavur- under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PKSKY) of MoFPI.
- Capacity Building component under Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Enterprises (PM FME) Scheme of MoFPI.
- Food Industry Capacity & Skill Initiative (FICSI)- the concerned Sector Skill Council- under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MoSDE)

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