

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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**ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE IN
ASSAM**

732. SHRI TERASH GOWALLA:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish a Food Processing Industry Training Centre in Dibrugarh or Tinsukia district of Assam to promote entrepreneurship and skill development;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the growing demand for trained manpower in pork and poultry processing in Upper Assam, where consumption and small-scale enterprises are increasing;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted regarding training requirements of local entrepreneurs; and
- (d) the steps proposed to provide technical training, food safety certification, value addition and marketing support to entrepreneurs in the region?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)**

(a) to (d): There is no specific proposal under consideration by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) to establish a dedicated Food Processing Industry Training Centre in Dibrugarh or Tinsukia district of Assam.

However, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management, Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T), under administrative control of MoFPI, is having a Liaison Office / Regional Centre in Guwahati, which plays a crucial role in reaching out to entrepreneurs in North Eastern Region States including Assam by providing training, mentorship, and technical support for capacity building and entrepreneurship development in the food processing sector.

The food processing incubation centre at NIFTEM-T, Regional Centre, Guwahati has product lines for Canning fruits & vegetables, Ready to Serve (RTS) foods and Ready to Drink (RTD) fruit-based beverage, Jam and jelly manufacturing with bottling facility, Ready to Cook (RTC) foods and Ready to Eat (RTE) extruded food products, Instant mixes, masala and chutney powder production and specialized packaging section with facilities for ordinary packaging and Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP Packaging system). Long term and short-term training programs are conducted at Incubation centre of regional centre for farmers, Self Help Groups, Industrialists, students, researchers and new entrepreneurs.

NIFTEM-T has conducted 461 training for entrepreneurs, provided 416 business incubation and 3492 persons have been trained at Regional Centre, Guwahati from 2023-24 to 2025-26.

Further, Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) - National Research Centre on Pig, Rani, Guwahati, Assam is training entrepreneurs in pig rearing and pork processing.

No specific survey regarding training requirements of local entrepreneurs has been conducted by the MoFPI. However, Under the Capacity Building component of the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, MoFPI provides assistance for training of Trainers, District Resource Persons, Entrepreneurs and various other groups for Entrepreneurship Development Skilling (EDP+) & product specific skilling to entrepreneurs including women entrepreneurs, to meet the requirement of food processing industry. The scheme also envisages strengthening backward and forward linkages, provision of common facilities, incubation centres, training and support for marketing & branding. So far, 1,76,056 beneficiaries have been trained across the country, out of which 23,371 trained in Assam under the PMFME scheme till 30.06.2026.

Under Branding and Marketing component of the PMFME scheme, support is provided to Farmer Producer Organizations /Self Help Groups/Cooperatives or a Special Purpose Vehicle of micro food processing enterprises for developing a common packaging & branding with provision for quality control, standardization, and adhering to food safety parameters for consumer retail sale.
