GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2042 ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2017

PROCESSING UNITS FOR ORANGE

2042. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for setting up of processing units for orange in various parts of Maharashtra including Vidarbha region; and
- (b) if so, the current status of proposals and the time by which the said units are likely to be set up?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

& (b): At present, Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not have any scheme for assisting setting up of food processing units. Hence no such proposals for setting up of processing units for orange are being received by the Ministry.

However, under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries implemented during 11th Plan, the financial assistance has been provided for setting up of new food processing units as well as Technological Upgradation and Expansion of existing units including orange processing industries under Fruits & Vegetable sectors in the country including Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. This scheme was subsequently subsumed in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)-National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) with effect from 01.04.2012 till 31.03.2015. Thereafter, the said scheme got delinked from Government of India's assistance and it was left to the State Governments to decide on its continuance from their increased resources as per recommendation of 14th Finance Commission. The committed/spillover liabilities of cases received upto end of 11th Plan are being considered by Ministry of Food Processing Industries for sanction of Grant – in - aid during the 12th Plan under the said scheme as per availability of funds and merits of proposals. The details of Food Processing Industries under Fruits & Vegetable Sector including Orange processing units in Maharashtra including Vidarbha region assisted during last three years and current year as part of meeting committed liabilities of 11th Plan are shown below:

| 2013-14 | | 2014-15 | | 2015-16 | | 2016-17 | |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Nos. of Units | Amount [in Cr.] | Nos. of Units | Amount [in Cr.] | Nos. of Units | Amount [in Cr.] | Nos. of Units | Amount [in Cr.] |
| 29 | 3.82 | 24 | 4.26 | 22 | 3.86 | 22 | 4.16 |
