GOVERNMENTOF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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FREE ZONE FOR FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR

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

(a)   the details of FDI since the last three years in Food Processing Sector of the country, State wise;

(b)   whether the Government intends to award free zones for the sector; and

(c)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The year-wise flow of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the food processing sector in the country is as follows:

FDI Equity Inflows in Food Processing Sector

Year	FDI Inflow (In US$ Million)
2014-15	515.86
2015-16	505.88
2016-17	727.22

Source: Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion

(b) & (c): For the overall growth and development of the food processing sector in the country, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing various Central Sector Schemes under PRDHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) with seven components viz; Mega Food Parks; Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure; Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure; Human Resources and Institutions; Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters; Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages and Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities. The components of Mega Food Parks and Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters in particular create enabling infrastructure and modern food processing facilities in different parts of the country. The MoFPI extends financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to establish Mega Food Parks and Agro-processing Clusters on the lands of the promoters who are farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), entrepreneurs, cooperatives, societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and State PSUs etc. The location of the Mega Food Parks and Agro-processing Clusters are decided by the factors, inter alia, predominantly by the availability of agricultural produces as raw material suitable for food processing.

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