

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2121**  
ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2018

**TECHNOLOGY IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR**

**2121. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken certain steps to enhance the technologies in food processing and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has approved 100% FDI for trading including through e-commerce, of food products manufactured in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether FDI in trading of food products manufactured or produced in India will bring value addition to farm produce, curb fluctuations in prices, raise farmers' income and reduce post-harvest losses; and
- (d) whether any MoUs have been signed to boost trading of food products made or produced in India and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): For overall growth and development of Food Processing Sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been providing capital subsidy under its Central Sector Scheme, "PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA" (PMKSY) to create robust modern infrastructure and logistic network along the entire value/ supply chain of Food Processing. A component of the PMKSY is Research and Development in Food Processing Sector under which grant assistance is provided to Universities, IIT's, Central/ State Government Institutions, Government Funded Organisations, R&D Laboratories and CSIR recognised R&D Units in Private Sector as for scheme guidelines to benefit food processing industry in terms of product and process development, efficient technologies, improved packaging, value addition etc.

(b) & (c): The Government has permitted 100% FDI through automatic route in manufacturing of food products and 100% FDI under Government approval route for trading, including through e-commerce, in respect of food products produced and/or manufactured in India to further promote value addition in food processing sector for its holistic development.

(d): The World Food India 2017 event organized by Ministry of Food Processing Industries has attracted intent of about US Dollar 13.56 billion from domestic and foreign investors. 50 MoUs have been signed with domestic and foreign companies by the Government of India and 131 MoUs have been signed by the States. The major companies which have signed MoUs are from various countries including USA, Germany, UAE, Thailand, Denmark, France and Indian Companies. The States which signed MoUs include Telangana, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The MoUs signed are meant for setting up food processing projects in different locations in India in the sub-sectors such as fruits and vegetables, packaged foods and confectionaries, retail and e-commerce, Cold Chain, Warehousing and Logistics, Cereals and Oilseed Processing, Dairy, Fisheries, Poultry & Meat and others.