

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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R & D IN FPI SECTOR

529. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) the reasons that funds allocated for R&D in food processing sector has come down from Rs.10.5 crore in 2012-13 to Rs.5.8 crore in 2016-17;
- (b) the status of implementation of R&D in food processing sector since April, 2017 by the Government; and
- (c) the details of targets set and achieved since 2017?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): The budget allocations are done as per the requirement of funds for the new projects and to meet the outstanding liabilities of the projects already approved. The outstanding liabilities of projects approved by the Ministry before 2012-13 declined in subsequent years and accordingly the budget allocation for the R&D Scheme also reduced.

(b) & (c): R&D Scheme is now a part of Human Resource & Institutions Scheme under the umbrella scheme of the Ministry i.e. Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY). The scheme is being implemented with an allocation of Rs.50 crores to meet the committed liability of on-going projects and taking up of 100 new projects till 2020. The Ministry has approved 35 new projects till the end of 2018-19 with approved grant-in-aid of Rs.14.75 crores.
