

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 986
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

CSIR-CFTRI

†986. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the research centre CSIR-CFTRI is the only centre for engineering services, technology development, transferable research, food protein and safety, located at Mysore in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that a large quantity of agricultural produce, fruits, vegetables, forest produce is being produced in Madhya Pradesh, but the young entrepreneurs of Satna do not have the necessary technology to process all the products, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether setting up of a regional unit in various States of the country including in Parliamentary constituency of Satna in Madhya Pradesh, would be considered; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

- (a) CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysore, a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is the only laboratory (under the Ministry of Science & Technology) involved in research and development in the areas of food science and technology. The research focus of the institute has revolved broadly around engineering sciences, technology development, translational research and food protection and safety. CSIR-CFTRI has three Resource Centres located at Hyderabad, Mumbai and Lucknow.**

(b) CSIR-CFTRI has developed technologies for several commercially attractive, nutritionally superior and safe food products for adoption by tiny, small, medium and large food processing sectors. The institute has a portfolio of over 400 technologies such as Value-added Spice products; Fruits & vegetable products; Health and nutritional foods, Infant supplementary and speciality food formulations; Meat, fish and poultry products; Canned and retort pouched products; Ready to-eat foods; Dehydrated foods; Bakery products; Fermented foods; Convenience foods; Food machinery; Beverages; Processed cereals and pulses; By-product utilization; Natural food additives (preservatives, flavours, colours) etc. These technologies are transferred to micro, small & medium enterprises, SHGs (Self Help Groups) and FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations). The Institute also provides analytical services for testing of food contaminants and adulterants. CSIR-CFTRI is ready to provide support to the young entrepreneurs of the country including Satna, Madhya Pradesh. The same may be through licensing of the ready technologies as well as providing training to them as per CSIR norms in various processing aspects of agricultural produce, fruits, vegetables and forest produce.

(c)&(d) Presently, there is no plan to establish regional units of the laboratories by CSIR in any state of the country including Satna in Madhya Pradesh.
