

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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PROMOTION OF JACKFRUIT PROCESSING

1997. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

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

- (a) whether there has been abundant availability of genetically improved jackfruit varieties now in the markets of southern States enjoying enormous consumer acceptance;
- (b) whether the Government would consider launching a jackfruit promotion campaign to popularise jackfruit based formulations to help the farmers, find a ready and remunerative market for their produce; and
- (c) whether the Government would promote jackfruit processing units in food technology sector in Tumkur region of Karnataka where jackfruits are grown and traded in large volumes?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The southern States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu account for about 25% of the total jackfruit production in the country and this fruit has very good consumer acceptance, both as raw fruit and also as its value added products such as preserved fruits, chips, squash, jams and seed flours. The Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu and similar other Institutions have developed technologies for the production of value added jackfruit products. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) provides financial assistance for organizing seminars, workshops, fairs and exhibitions for food processing sector including Jackfruits under its Scheme for Promotional Activities. The Ministry promotes research & development in food processing for research & development of innovative products and processes for various agricultural produce including jackfruits. The Ministry is also implementing a central sector scheme, 'Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities' under the PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA (PMKSY) to provide financial assistance for setting up of food processing units of various agricultural and allied produce including jackfruits in the country including the State of Karnataka. The scheme is demand-driven and financial assistance to in the form of grants-in-aid is provided to the individuals, farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Entrepreneurs, Cooperatives, Societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Private Companies and Central/ State PSUs etc.to set up food processing units to the eligible applicants and against expressions of interests issued by MoFPI from time to time. No eligible proposal has since been received from the Karnataka for jackfruit processing.
