

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1352
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GROWTH OF FPI

1352. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Food Processing Industries (FPIs) has witnessed a steady growth in the country in recent years and it has the potential to grow further in the coming years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the existing food testing laboratories are sufficient to meet the growing requirement of the sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing standards of food technology in FPI are adequate to meet the standards imposed by the European and other developed countries in respect of imported food items from the developing countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the latest estimates of the National Accounts Statistics (2020), the gross value addition for the food processing sector from 2016-17 to 2018-19 is given below:

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Food Processing Industries (Rs. Lakh Crore)	1.79	1.91	2.08
Growth rate (%)	11.18	6.70	8.90

(b) to (d): More than 700 food testing labs accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) with varying degree of competencies in terms of products and types of tests conducted, operate across the country. As per an evaluation study conducted by Yes Bank Ltd sponsored by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), it has been estimated that there is requirement of additional 360 no of labs in the country.

The existing technology standards in Food Processing Industry are in line with most of the international standards, including the European Union (EU) standards.

Under the Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure scheme component of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Ministry provides financial assistance for setting-up of new food testing laboratories and up-gradation of the existing food testing laboratories equipped with high end equipment(s) as par with the international standards. A total 54 Food Testing Labs (FTLs) projects has been assisted so far under PMKSY scheme.