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LOK SABHA
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HIGH PACKAGING COST IN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

**424. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

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

- (a) Whether the Food Processing Industries (FPI) and other agro based industries have been facing a grave disadvantage due to the high cost of packaging;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the share of packaging in the total cost of products;
- (c) whether it compare favourably with the international standards and costs; and
- (d) if not, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d): Packaging for food processing and other agro based industries is required to protect, preserve, market, value addition, branding and safe delivery to the ultimate user in sound, safe, secure and sustainable manner. The packaging materials may be of different types such as plastic/laminated films, metalized pouches, paper/aluminum foil, rigid plastic containers, card board, corrugated fiber board boxes, metal cans, glass containers etc. The packaging requirement and its cost may vary depending on factors such as product sensitivity, fragility, role in supply chain, order volumes, marketing cost, sensitivity to environment, perishability, shelf life, aesthetic etc. and is a business decision of a company. Also, packaging cost is one of the factor influencing the cost of food products, besides the cost of raw material, processing cost, logistic cost etc.

Indian Institute of Packaging, Mumbai has developed packaging standards for fruits, vegetables and other food items for export in collaboration with Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).
