GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1497 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2025

SETTING UP OF NIFTEM IN NASHIK

1497. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up a National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) in Nashik to boost its strong agricultural base and significant contribution to the food processing sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the status of the said proposal including feasibility studies, surveys and data assessments conducted to evaluate Nashik's suitability for hosting NIFTEM;
- (c) whether the Government has identified Nashik's potential as a hub for agrobased industries and its strategic location for promoting food technology and entrepreneurship and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether such proposal has been initiated for leveraging Nashik's agricultural prominence and the benefits of NIFTEM to local farmers, entrepreneurs, and industries; and
- (e) if so, the details of the measures taken by the Government to expedite this process along with timeline the Government envisions for setting up such an institute in Nashik ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SH. RAVNEET SINGH)

- (a): No Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of Government at present.
- (b) to (e): Do not arise in view of (a) above.