

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF PROCESSED FOOD ITEMS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government propose to start the production of those processed food items in the country itself which are being imported presently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (c): The Government does not directly setup Food Processing Industries. It is for the entrepreneur to set up such industries considering various factors including demand. Under the Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance by way of grant is given for setting up of units by Private Industries, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Cooperatives, etc. Government have also been taking steps to exempt or reduce Central Excise on some of these products to encourage their growth. Besides these efforts, steps have also been taken to create a conducive environment for growth of these sectors so that the domestic industry can compete effectively vis-a-vis imports.