

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

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LOANS FOR F.P.Is  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether food processing industries have been included in the category of priority industries to get loans from different financial institutions;
- (b) if so, whether certain percentage of amount to be given as loans have been fixed for these industries like others sectors;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Food and Agro-based Processing Sector has been included within the definition of priority sector for Bank lending. However, priority sector lending norms are not applicable to financial institutions.
- (b) & (c): No, Sir. Does not arise.
- (d): Indicative targets for priority sector and agriculture within priority sector have been fixed by Reserve Bank of India. Food Processing Industries which meet SSI norms are financed under the SSI window. These which do not satisfy SSI definition are addressed through separate category.