

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

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

- (a) whether West Bengal have tremendous potential for Food Processing Industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to assess the potentiality of the States and to identify the sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government would consider offering new programmes/schemes to the States including West Bengal in view of its potentiality; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not conducted any study to assess the potentiality of West Bengal in food processing. However, the Ministry has written to all the States including West Bengal to conduct such a study.
- (e) & (f): The Ministry provides assistance for schemes like development of infrastructure facilities, setting up/expansion/modernisation of food processing industries, research and development, person power development etc. Such assistance is provided as and when techno-economically viable schemes are received through the State Government and these meet the criteria of this Ministry.