

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

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FORIGN INVESTMENT IN FOOD PROCESSING UNITS  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several foreign investment proposals have been approved for setting up of food processing units in the country during the past few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has been encouraging foreign investment proposals at the cost of the domestic investment; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Since liberalization in July 1991 till March, 2003, Govt. has approved 773 foreign investment proposals envisaging a total foreign investment of Rs. 11401 crores approximately in the various sectors of food processing. The policy of Govt. to encourage foreign direct investment is to supplement & complement domestic investment in the processed food sector and not at the cost of domestic investment.