

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:306  
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2006  
DEVELOPMENT OF AGRO PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the ongoing schemes formulated for the development of agro-processing industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to formulate any new scheme for the above industries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) FOR LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 306 FOR 13TH MARCH 2006 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF AGRO PROCESSING INDUSTRIES.

For promotion of food processing industries, Government has implemented several Plan Schemes. Under these schemes financial assistance is provided for technology upgradation / modernization / establishment of the food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of the food processing industries. Review of the existing schemes and formulation of a new scheme for promotion of agro processing industries is an ongoing process. A proposal to introduce a new plan scheme for mega food park (Integrated Food Zone) was submitted to the Planning Commission and the same is under examination in the light of the advice given by the Planning Commission.