

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

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FORTIFICATION OF PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the majority of the processed food products are not fortified;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory to fortify products like biscuits, vegetable oil, bread, infant milk food etc;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to organize workshops, conferences and awareness programmes to educate the manufacturers about the need to fortify processed products; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Food Processing Industries are both in organized and unorganized sectors. It is also a de-licensed sector. Data on the basis of fortified characteristic of food is not centrally maintained.
- (c) & (d): Use of vitamin A is mandatory in Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (vanaspati).
- (e) & (f): The Ministry assists in organizing workshops, conferences in association with concerned organizations to popularize the concept of fortified foods and at the same time orient food industry into adopting fortification as a part of their production plan.