

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2339

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MERGER OF INDUSTRIES

Chavda Shri Harisinh Pratapsinh;Thummar Shri Virjibhai

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to incorporate food processing industries under the cottage industries to create more employment opportunities with less investment; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Food processing industries are in large, medium, small, tiny / cottage sectors. No distinction is made on sectoral basis by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries in extending assistance for development of the FPI units. As such there is no proposal to incorporate food processing industries under the cottage industries.