

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

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FPI STATUS TO BISCUIT INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering any action plan to give the status of Food Processing Industry (FPI) to Biscuit Industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria fixed for giving status of FPI;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to declare any financial package for the development of this industry; 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): Biscuit industry is already in the category of the Food Processing Industries. The Government has implemented Plan schemes to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization 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 including biscuit industry.