

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF FPIS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, in view of the high potential for food processing industries development in Assam and the North East, any plan has been chalked out for development of such industries in different States of the North Eastern region;
- (b) if so, the details of such plan; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by them to implement it?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government have implemented central sector plan schemes to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries. For development of food processing industries in North Eastern states including Sikkim, 10% of the total outlay is earmarked for development of North Eastern Region. Under Mini Mission IV of higher level of incentives than admissible under the normal plan schemes of the Ministry are available in the form of credit link and back ended financial assistance through designated financial institutions to the extent of 50% of the capital cost subject to a maximum of Rs.

4.00 crore for promotion of new units and upto Rs. 1.00 crore for upgradation or modernization of units.