

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

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

- (a) whether export of processed food is far below expected targets;
- (b) if so, the targets vis-à-vis actuals during each of the last three years;
- (c) the reasons for less exports than the targets, if any; and
- (d) the steps being taken to strengthen Research and Development (R&D) in the food processing sector in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The export of processed foods excluding the marine products in the year 2005-2006 was Rs. 8728 crores against a target of Rs. 6670 crores. The export of marine products in the year 2005-2006 was 1644 million dollars against a target of 1450 million dollars.

(d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries, in order to promote Research and Development (R&D) in the food processing sector, provides grant-in-aid upto 100% of the capital cost of laboratories and testing centres to Central / State Government organizations/IITs/Universities and 33% of the capital cost for general areas and 50% of the capital cost for difficult areas to all other implementing agencies. Such assistance has been given to 56 institutions till date.