

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

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FACILITIES TO RURAL YOUTHS  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any concrete efforts are being made by Government to provide facilities to the rural youths for self-employment through setting up of food processing industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to restrict the entry of multi-national companies and big industrial houses in the food processing industries based on agricultural products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Under the scheme of Human Resource Development, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance upto

(i) Rs. 1 lakh for conduct of entrepreneurship development programme by providing training to prospective entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing units,

(ii) Rs. 3 lakh for a single line and Rs. 9.5 lakh for a multi line food processing and training centre which will provide "hands-on" experience to rural entrepreneurs through Central/ State Govt. organizations, educational and training institution, industry organizations/ associations, Non Govt. organizations, co- operatives. The Ministry also provides grant for setting up of food processing units subject to 25% of the plant & machinery & technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh in general areas and 33.33% upto Rs. 75 lakh in difficult areas.

(c) & (d) : No, Sir.