

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

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DRYING OF FISHES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop a low cost technology for drying the fish, in consultation with Veterinary Centres, Agricultural Universities and Fishing Co- operatives; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(A) & (B): MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES PROMOTES AND PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP LOW COST TECHNOLOGY FOR VARIOUS FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES.

UNDER THE EXISTING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT SCHEME OF THIS MINISTRY, THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR ONE PROJECT SO FAR IN THE COUNTRY TO THE COLLEGE OF FISHERIES, UNDER CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, AGARTALA, TRIPURA. THE PROJECT WAS UNDER THE TITLE OF "UTILISATION OF SMALL INDIGENOUS FISH SPECIES OF NORTH EAST INDIA FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT". UNDER THE SAID PROJECT THE UNIVERSITY HAS DEVELOPED VARIOUS VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS INCLUDING DRIED FISH (SUN DRYING OF FISH, DRYING OF FISH IN SOLAR TENT DRYER, AND DRYING OF FISH IN MECHANICAL DRYER). THE DEVELOPED FISH PRODUCTS ARE BEING PROMOTED BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR SMALL SCALE BUSINESS AMONG UN-EMPLOYED YOUTH OF NORTH EAST REGION THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMMES.