

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

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GRANTS TO GRAIN MILLING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide grants for grain milling sector, i.e. rice milling and flour milling;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for developing this industry?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Technical Committee has been constituted to review and make its recommendations on benchmarks for latest and most efficient technology and processes and identification of minimum conditions to be laid down for assistance of rice mills and flour mills sectors. The Committee has submitted its report which has been accepted by the Ministry. These are being incorporated in the guidelines for the financial institutions for providing assistance keeping in view the value addition, technological benchmarks and reduction of wastages.