

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

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INSPECTION FACILITIES FOR PROCESSED FOOD ITEMS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the European Union have rejected some food consignments from India due to high pesticides residue;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up inspection facilities for processed food items to check the recurrence of such incidents;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure growth of processed food items?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No rejection has been reported by European Union due to presence of high pesticide residue for the products which are under compulsory export certification.
- (c) & (d): The Government has inspection facilities in place to test pesticide residues in export consignments from India in the laboratories located at Chennai, Kochi, Kolkata & Mumbai.
- (e): For promoting food processing, Ministry of food Processing Industries is operating various Plan schemes to provide financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid for Technology upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of food processing units, Development of Infrastructure, Human Resource Development, Promotion of Quality Assurance, Codex Standards Research & Development besides for other promotional measures to encourage development of the food processing industries.