

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

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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the demand to develop the Paddy Processing Research Centre (PPRC), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu into a national level institute;
- (b) if so, the details along with its proposed functions thereof;
- (c) the time by which the above institute would be developed;
- (d) whether there is also a proposal to set up Food Processing Training Centres in the State; and
- (e) the time by which these centers are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAJ)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The Govt. has decided to upgrade the present Paddy Processing Research Centre (PPRC) into a National level world class institution for research in Grain processing. The proposed revised mandate of the up-graded institute will include conducting basic, applied and adoptive research, education and training in the area of post harvest processing of crops of wetlands, flood and storm prone regions. Besides, the institute will act as a National Organization for information on post production systems of mandated crops, undertake transfer of technology, consultancy and analytical services for raw and processed agricultural commodities such as millets, pulses and oil seeds, establish linkages with related processing industries and other academic as well as R&D institution for achieving its goals effectively.

(c): It is proposed to create infrastructure facilities within two years.

(d) & (e): This Ministry provides financial assistance to the Central/State Government Organizations, Educational & Training Institutions, NGO's and Cooperative Societies etc. for setting up of Food Processing Training Centre (FPTC). Proposal received from the willing agencies to implement the scheme are examined as per the guidelines of the scheme and financial assistance is provided subject to the conditions that the proposal is complete in all respect, viability of the proposal and availability of funds. So far 41 FPTCs have been assisted by the Ministry in Tamil Nadu & overall 420 FPTCs have been assisted in the country.