

**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 has proposes to provide any support for setting up of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) for production of items like potato chips in the potato growing States including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government is likely to provide assistance to the States for the purpose?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) under its 11th Plan scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance for setting up of new food processing units as well as technology upgradation and expansion of existing units in the country. MOFPI extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and @ 33.33% subject to a maximum of 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A & N Island, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas.

(c): The Working Group constituted on Food Processing Sector for Ministry of Food Processing Industries for 12th Five Year Plan has recommended the launch of a centrally sponsored scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) w.e.f. 2012-13 through States / UTs. Government has approved Rs. 51 crores towards preparatory activities / advance action by States / UTs for implementation of National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 2012-13.

The mission also envisages to provide financial assistance as per 11th Plan scheme guidelines for setting up of food processing industries in the States /UTs.