

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

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FOOD PROCESSING DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NER  
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Government has prepared a separate plan for the North Eastern States for the development of food processing industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, North Eastern Region-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated for this purpose to each State, so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grants-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakh in general area and 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakh in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. In addition, under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States, higher levels of assistance @ 50% upto Rs. 4.00 crore for setting up and Rs. 1.00 crore for Upgradation of fruits and vegetables processing is available. 10% of total budget allocated to the Ministry is earmarked for North Eastern States including Sikkim