

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

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Production of Pickles

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

(a) the details of schemes and programmes launched for promoting homemade pickles and self-help groups initiatives for making pickles:

(b) whether any women self-help group has approached the Government seeking support for such initiatives; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): For the development of food processing sector in the country, Ministry of Food processing industries had been implementing a Scheme namely Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries up to 31.03.2012 which was subsumed in the Centrally sponsored Scheme(CSS)-National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) with effect from 01.04.2012 till 31.03.2015. Thereafter, the said scheme got delinked from Government of India's assistance and it was left to the State Governments to decide on its continuance from their increased resource as per recommendation of 14th Finance Commission. However, in case of UT Governments, the above CSS-NMFP Scheme is still in operation.

Financial assistance was provided in the form of Grant- in- aid to various eligible groups including Self-Help-Groups (SHGs) in sectors like Fruits And Vegetables, milk/meat/poultry/fish products, rice/flour/pulse/oil milling and such others agri-horti sectors including food flavours, colours, oleoresins, spices, coconut, mushrooms, wines & hops and other eligible food processing sectors for the purpose of doing the processing/ value addition / shelf life enhancement. All pickle processing units were covered under the scheme in Fruits & Vegetables segment. The details of eligible financial assistance to food processing units under the scheme is given in the Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Under the above scheme, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has released Grant – in – aid to the eligible organization as per the scheme which include SHG's/PSUs/Joint Ventures/ NGOs/ Cooperatives/Private Sectors in the Food processing sector for setting up / Technology Upgradation / Expansion of Food Processing units in the Country. Woman Self Help Groups were also eligible under the Self Help Group (SHGs) category. The details of Grant-in- aid released to the Food Processing units including Fruits and Vegetables units during the period from 2012-13 to 2015-16 under the committed liabilities of Technology Upgradation Scheme is given at Annexure-II and under CSS-NMFP is at Annexure III.

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