GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for upgradation and modernisation or revival of sick food processing industries in the country including Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan and the extent to which success have been achieved therein;
- (b) the details of research and development work undertaken for the development of food processing and grant released for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, project and State-wise;
- (c) the details of job oriented training programmes being implemented in the food processing sector in the country including tribal areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of processed foods/items exported by these industries and the revenue earned therefrom during the said period, item, industry and quantity-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a): There is no scheme for revival of sick Food Processing Industries in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- (b): In order to promote research and development in processed food sector, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Scheme namely 'Quality Assurance, Codex, R&D and Other Promotional Activities'. Research and Development is one of the components of this scheme. The objective of the scheme is that the end product / outcome / findings of R&D work should benefit Food Processing Industry in terms of product and process development, improved preservation, packaging, storage and distribution technologies, value addition, standardization of additives, coloring agents, preservatives, pesticide residues, etc. with focus on enhancement of production, quality, consumer safety, public health and trade. All Universities, IITs, Central / State Government Institutions, Public Funded Organisations, R&D laboratories and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) recognized R&D units in private sector are eligible for grant-in-aid under this scheme. The scheme is being implemented by Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), under Department of Science and Technology w.e.f. 01.04.2012. The details of grant released during last three years and current year, project and State-wise is enclosed as Annexure-I.
- (c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries implemented a Scheme for Human Resource Development (HRD) in the Food Processing Sector in 11th Plan. This Scheme focusses on developing technologists, managers, entrepreneurs and man power for quality management in food processing. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for Creation of Infrastructure facilities in academic institutions for degree/ diploma course in food technology and for setting up of Food Processing Training Centres (FPTC) and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes. The details of financial assistance provided under the various components of the HRD scheme in the country including tribal areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise at Annexure-II. There are also two academic-cum-research institutions under this Ministry viz. National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management
- (NIFTEM) at Kundli, Sonepat, Haryana and the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT) at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, which offer academic programmes at Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D. level courses in Food Processing. The institutes are also conducting short term training courses. During the 12th Five Year Plan, the HRD Scheme has been subsumed under the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP), for implementation through State/ UT Governments.
- (d): The details of processed foods/items exported by food processing industries and the revenue earned therefrom during the each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise at Annexure-III.