



Ministry of Food Processing Industries

R&D in Food Processing Sector

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Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing scheme for Research & Development in the food processing sector. As per the scheme guidelines, Govt. organizations/ Institutions/ Universities are eligible for 100% grant-in-aid for the cost of equipment, consumables and expenditure related to Junior Research Fellow/ Senior Research Fellow/ Research Associate whereas private organizations/ Institutions/ Universities are eligible for 50% grant-in-aid for the equipment cost in general areas and 70 % grant-in-aid in difficult areas for conducting such research activities. Under the scheme, various areas such as product and process development, design and development of equipment, improved storage, shelf-life, packaging etc. have been supported.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing various central sector schemes namely, Mega Food Parks Scheme; Scheme for Integrated Cold chain and Value addition Infrastructure; Scheme for Setting up/ Modernization of Abattoirs; Scheme for Technology Upgradation/ Setting up/ Modernization/ Expansion of Food Processing Industries (Committed/ spill over liabilities of cases received up to end of 11th Plan are being considered by MoFPI for sanction of Grant-in-aid during the 12th Plan as per availability of funds and merit of proposals).

Further, the decision of Government of India allowing 100% FDI in food processing under automatic route and 100% FDI in trading, including e-commerce, in respect of food products manufactured and/or produced in India, is likely to give impetus to farmer's income and also generate more employment through food processing logistics, retail chains and local sourcing.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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