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Shri Hukm Deo Narayan Yadav, M.P. and Chairman Committee on Agriculture (2014-15) presented the Eighth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants (2015-16) pertaining to the Ministry of Food Processing Industries to Lok Sabha today, the 24 April, 2015.

Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under :-

Increasing the fund at RE stage and providing adequate funds from next financial year onwards- emphasized	Concerned to note that the budgetary allocations made over the last few years were not in tune with the potential of this sector in driving the rural economy, in bringing about synergy between the consumer, industry and agriculture, the Committee have recommended that the matter be taken up with the Ministry of Finance and they be impressed about the vitality and potential of this Sector in terms of economic growth, employment capacity and food security, so that not only the funds are increased at RE stage but adequate funds are provided from next financial year onwards. (Recommendation – Para No. 1)
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<p>Liquidation of Spill over liabilities in the XIIth year plan itself- recommended.</p>	<p>Observing that during the XIIth plan, Ministry is liquidating the committed liabilities of the 11th plan proposals received in the Ministry upto 31.03.2015 w.r.t. two schemes i.e. Scheme for Technology Upgradation and Scheme for Human Resource Development, the Committee have strongly recommended that these liabilities be taken up on a priority basis and must be liquidated in the XIIth plan period itself. The Committee have also advised the Government not to carry forward these liabilities in the next plan period.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation – Para No. 3)</p>
<p>Separate and rational allocation of the fund for different components of Infrastructure Development Scheme- recommended.</p>	<p>Noting that total allocation of Rs.329.00 crores has been made for the financial year 2015-16 to the Infrastructure Development Scheme and has not been divided amongst its three components, Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain and Abattoirs, the Committee have opined that Rs. 329 Crore allocated for this scheme be suitably divided amongst its three components viz. Mega Food Parks, Cold Chains and Abattoirs so that the physical targets set for each of these components are specifically achieved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation – Para No. 7)</p>
<p>Single window clearance to expedite the commissioning and commencement of Mega Food Projects- recommended.</p>	<p>The Committee noting that 15 Mega Food Park projects have been cancelled due to non-compliance of the procedures, have opined that a prompt & proper assessment and single window clearance would positively contribute to expediting in commissioning & commencement of the project. The Committee have therefore recommended that the Ministry should work towards developing such procedures which would not delay the progress of the projects.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation – Para No. 9)</p>
<p>Enhancement of small sized cold storage facilities to minimize the gap in the required</p>	<p>Considering the huge gap of 29 million tonnes in the required and existing cold storage capacity in the Country, the Committee have recommended that the Ministry make all out efforts to facilitate and provide integrated, complete cold chain and enhance preservation infrastructure facilities</p>

<p>and existing cold storage capacity - emphasized.</p>	<p>to maintain continuity from the farm gate to the end consumers/ retail outlets. They have also recommended that efforts should be made to enhance small sized cold storage facilities not only to increase the capacity but also to promote more participation from small and medium level farmers. They have further desired that the Cold Storage Projects should cater for multiple products so as to operate on optimum capacity</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation – Para No. 12)</p>
<p>Implementation of schemes for skill development to fulfill the growing needs of FPI Sector- emphasized.</p>	<p>Observing that much remains to be done for enhancing and upgrading the skills and implementation of schemes for Skill Development, the Committee have desired that within the given premises Ministry should probe the possibility for immediate adoption of ITIs by FPI in various clusters of the Country to upgrade the lower end skills and the youth could be directly employed with attractive pay packages. They have also emphasized that FPI Sector should partner with few food technology/ processing Institutes and certain courses could be added in (B.TECH in Food Technology) in IITs also on pilot basis for upgradation of higher end skills.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation – Para No. 14)</p>
<p>Formulation of a stable and a comprehensive policy for Food Processing Sector and changes in any scheme be made steadily not abruptly- recommended.</p>	<p>The Committee while noting that the Government in the Union Budget (2015-16) have delinked the scheme of NMFP for support from Central Government and all the responsibility with regard to implementation of NMFP has been assigned to the States, the Committee have expressed their unhappiness in this regard. The Committee have desired to be apprised about the consultations made by the Ministry with the State Governments and their comments thereon regarding delinking of NMFP and its further implementation by the latter. Also, the Committee have expressed deep concern over the frequent changes made in the scheme of the Government covering very vital areas of the Food Processing Sector and have desired that any change in the ongoing schemes should be made steadily and</p>

	<p>not abruptly and frequently altered, the Committee have desired that the anguish of Committee in this may also be conveyed to Ministry of Finance. The Committee have also recommended that there should be a consolidated policy on Food Processing and there should also be a coherency and coordination between the Centre and State in formulating and implementing the schemes.</p>
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(Recommendation – Para No. 16)