

Q What are various policy measures that have helped increase exports in food processing industries in country? Explain?

Introduction - Food processing is a process by which raw materials of agriculture/ poultry / fishing / animal husbandry are transformed to a product has commercial value.

status of Food processing sector in India:-

- ① Food processed products accounts for 32% of total Indian food market.
- ② Food processing sector is 5th largest in terms of production, consumption in India.
- ③ Food processing has the capability to bring down malnutrition by bridging nutrition gap.
- ④ This sector provides 8-39% of GVA & accounts for 13% of exports of 6%.

of foreign investment.

⑤ This sector gives high growth & high profit due to its value addition potential.

⑥ food processing requires diff. types of i/p's thereby incentivising farmers to grow diverse crops which could (\uparrow) their income -

policy measures - (\uparrow) exports of FPI

① National Mission on food processing -

* NMFP launched

MoFPI in 2012 through states/UT.

* It aims to decentralize

the implementation of food processing schemes in states/UT.

* It provides outreach

to ministries in terms of planning, monitoring of various schemes.

② FDI approach of govt -

* Indian govt

allowed 100% FDI in food processing sectors along with focus on strong supply chain infrastructure.

③ FSSAI - plans to invest 482 crore to strengthen food processing infrastructure by upgrading current food testing labs across the country.

④ PMKSY - * aims to promote entrepreneurs to set up food processing units near agricultural areas

* The schemes benefit farmers, investors, farmers organisation, agricultural cooperatives in terms of investment.

⑤ Creation of Mega food parks -

* govt plans to finance 50 crore per mega food park to integrate food processing infrastructure

⑥ project greens -

* Aims to promote integrated value chain development for crops.

such as - Tomato, potato, onion

* This policy announced in (2017-18) union budget.

Conclusion -

Food processing sector has major advantages in terms of Indian context, which has potential to lift out millions out of Poverty & Malnutrition.