

Food Processing Industries and Horticulture



West Bengal has strong potential for setting up of Food Processing Industries and expansion of horticulture. The Govt. has taken a fresh look into the sector for its systematic and inclusive growth.

Total fund utilization (Rs. in Lakh) of Directorate of Horticulture.

2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
3131.56838	4032.0952	7415.25832

Total fund utilization (Rs. in Lakh) of Directorate of Cinchona.

2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
99.91	80.61	100.12

Growth trend of Food Processing Industries in west Bengal		
Year	Nos. of project approved from the Department through TAC	Amount involved (Rs. In Crore)
2009- 2010	31	133.7
2010- 2011	16	98.61
2011- 2012	35	501.81

Major policy decision/reforms since June,2011:

1. Sale of vegetables has recently been started on pilot basis in select outlets of Mother Dairy which will provide better price to the farmers and increase availability of good quality vegetables to the consumers.

Fair/Seminar/Awareness Programme / one day Sensitization-cum-awareness Programme		
Year	Total No. of Programmes	Approx. No. of participants attended
2009-2010	3	450
2010-2011	3	600
2011-2012	12	1350

Cluster Development Project (CDP)		
Year	Total No. of Project Sanctioned	Sanctioned project cost (Rs. in lakh)
2009-2010	1	19.47
2010-2011	3	4.5
2011-2012	12	33

2. An innovative project on Vermi-Compost Organic fertilizers is being implemented on a large scale at various locations such as Mallikghat - Kolkata, Panskura - Purba Medinipur, Thakurnagar - North 24 Pgs., Dhantala - Nadia.
3. National Vegetable Initiative in Urban Clusters has been made formally operational by release of funds to the extent of Rs. 7.69 crore since the month of February, 2012. This will help in better linkages of vegetable growers with the urban markets and also help in improve productivity and availability of vegetables. With the increase productivity and availability of vegetables, this will help in stabilization of price in the medium to long run.

4. Comprehensive survey on status and potentials of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture has been initiated, to be followed by Help Desk at the office of Department of FPI&H for providing assistance to the willing entrepreneurs. This is a unique project.
5. Major project for propagation of orchids (Cymbidium) has been launched in Darjeeling by the Directorate of Cinchona & Other Medicinal Plants, Govt. of West Bengal, which will help in plantation of about 5 lakh plants over a period of 3 years.
6. Expert Committee constituted by Food Processing Industries and Horticulture Department, finalized report on setting up of Horticulture College at Kalingpong, This has been approved by the State Government.
7. It has been decided to place completed Research & Development Projects, undertaken with the support of the Department of Food Processing Industries & Horticulture, on the website of 'banglarmukh.com', for general benefit of the entrepreneurs, farmers and other stake holders. Besides, research & development activities are now proposed to be taken up based on the need- based approach. Proposals have been sought from various chambers of commerce.
8. A major policy decision has been taken to review all the ongoing projects, pending for long time, and ensure timely completion, such as Tissue Culture Project at Ayeshpur, Infrastructure Development project at Borjora, Malda Food Park, Jangipur Food Park etc.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

9. One Cluster Development program taken up on Muri making project at Nalhati, Birbhum.
10. 150 ha fallow lands of drier western districts have been brought under fruit like mango etc. cultivation. (35 lakh)
11. 2 new horticulture nurseries have been established. (3 lakh)
12. 16 new ponds have been excavated for the purpose of horticultural area expansion. (9.69 lakh)
13. Nearly 250 ha of old mango orchards have been rejuvenated scientifically. (36 lakh)
14. About 35 vermi-compost units have been established. (11 lakh)
15. About 200 farmers have been trained in and exposed to modern horticultural practices. (3.8 lakh)
16. One 200MT Controlled Atmosphere(CA) Store at Garhbeta, Paschim Midnapur (25.6 lakh)
17. Two Multicommodity Cold Stores at Simurali, Nadia and Industrial Growth Centre, Malda of capacities 3000MT and 7500MT respectively (192 lakh).
18. Post Harvest Dissemination Centre at Ramkrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, South 24 Parganas (99.32 lakh)
19. Establishment of Rural Market and Pan Mandi at Bankura & Nadia (302 lakh)
20. Vegetable Seed Production unit at Nadia (18.54 lakh)
21. Cultivation of pineapple in 10 ha area has been completed in Bunkulung, Mirik.
22. New plantation of mandarin orange has been completed in 20 ha area.
23. Cultivation of medicinal plant, chirata has been completed in 100 ha area.
24. One lakh plantlets of tissue culture Ipecac have already been prepared out of target of two lakh plantlets.
25. Under National Mission for Medicinal Plants, plantation of medicinal plants like Jatamunsi, Kuth, Asvavagandha, sarpagandha, Kalmegh, Ghritakumari etc. has been completed in 63 ha area.
