

## **Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries holds a meeting with Food Testing Labs.: Press Note dated 28.5.2014**

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has sanctioned grant-in-aid to 59 labs from 2007-08. Out of these, 26 labs are in private sector, while 33 labs have been sanctioned to Universities, ICAR labs, and other Government institutions. In addition, ICAR which is implementing the scheme from 01/4/2012 has sanctioned 10 projects, out of which 5 are in private sector and 5 are in Government sector.



Secretary held a review meeting on 28 May, 2014 at National Agricultural Science Centre Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by representatives of private labs, ICAR institutions, and universities, etc. It was noted that the performance of universities and other Government institutions has generally been poor and they have not been able to complete the implementation of labs. On the other hand, most of the private labs have been able to successfully complete the projects. It was decided that all out efforts must be made by the universities and other Government institutions to complete the labs so that testing facilities are available to Food Processing Industries for testing of food products. A model bid document for procurement of equipments will also be circulated to all new projects.

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