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**GS-III Food Processing and Related Industries in India- Scope' and Significance**

- 1. One of the Critical Areas that can enhance the income of the Rural Households is to provide Higher Opportunity in agro-based food and non-food activities. Comment.**

**Why this Question?**

- The NSSO survey on employment estimated about 49% worker's major livelihood support coming from agriculture.

**Key Demands of Question:**

- Various opportunities provided by the agro-based industries and its potential to improve the income of the rural households.

**Directive Word:**

**Comment:**

- When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences.
- These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- Highlight the importance of the agro based industries.

**Body:**

- Explain the various opportunities provided by the agro based industries. For example employment opportunities, linkage between agriculture and manufacturing sector, presence in rural areas, etc.
- Discuss the various constraints faced by the agro based industries like lack of infrastructure, funding, etc.
- Discuss the government initiatives in this regard like food processing policy, etc.

**Conclusion:**

- Conclude with the significance of the agro based industries for improving the income of the Rural Household.