

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW MEGA FOOD PARKS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of **FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Central Government is having any plan to establish new mega food parks in the State of Tamil Nadu in the Financial Year 2023-24 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether Central Government has taken any steps to promote technological innovations to support the supply chain management in Food Processing Industry in the last five years; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): No new Mega Food Park (MFP) project can be approved by the Ministry of Food Processing (MoFPI) as the MFP scheme, a sub-scheme of the Pradhan Mantra Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMSKY) has been discontinued.

(b) & (c): MoFPI is implementing Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLIS-FPI) and Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME) for overall growth and development of food processing sector across the country including extending financial support for establishment of food processing industries. PMKSY is an umbrella scheme, consisting of various sub-schemes.

MoFPI has so far approved 1098 projects under different sub-schemes of PMKSY, targeting creation of processing capacity of 292.907 LMT/annum and preservation capacity of 75.678 LMT/annum.

Further, 72 projects have been approved under the Research and Development Scheme to undertake demand driven R&D work, including technological innovations in the food processing sector for product & process development, design & development of equipment, improved storage, shelf-life, packaging etc.
