

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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MEGA FOOD PARKS AND AGRO PROCESSING CLUSTERS

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

- (a) whether Government has chalked out any scheme to set up mega food parks and agro Processing clusters in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of food parks and agro processing clusters considered to be set up under these schemes across the country;
- (c) whether there is a plan to set up any mega food park or agro processing cluster in Gujarat; and
- (d) the features of food parks and Agro Processing Clusters planned to be set up and number of people likely to get employment in Gujarat after setting up of these establishments, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing the Mega Food Park (MFP) Scheme and Agro Processing Clusters (APC) Scheme, which are sub-schemes of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) to create modern infrastructure for the food processing sector.

However, it is mentioned that MoFPI does not set up any MFP project or APC project at its own. Rather MoFPI extends financial support by way of grants-in-aid through these schemes which are demand driven in nature. The proposals are invited through Expression of Interest (EoI) from time to time from interested individuals/ entities. Proposals received are evaluated based on eligibility and assessment criteria and approvals are given on merit basis amongst proposals found eligible.

While APC scheme is continued during 15th FC cycle, MFP scheme has been discontinued.

A total of 41 MFP projects have been sanctioned by MoFPI so far in different States/UTs including 2 MFP projects located in Gujarat. Also, 79 APC projects have been approved, including 4 located in Gujarat.

(d): Each of the approved MFP project is implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and consist of supply chain infrastructure including collection centers, primary processing centers, central processing centers, cold chain and around 25-30 fully developed plots for entrepreneurs to set up food processing units. On the other hand, each of APC project has two basic components i.e. Basic Enabling Infrastructure (roads, water supply, power supply, drainage, ETP etc.) and Core Infrastructure/Common facilities (warehouses, cold storages, IQF, tetra pack, sorting, grading etc.) and at least 5 food processing units.

The two MFP projects and four APC projects located in Gujarat have the potential to generate employment of 1236 and 2647 respectively.
