

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1867
ANSWERED ON -04.08.2023

STATUS OF MEGA FOOD PARKS

1867. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

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

- (a) the status of the Mega Food Parks which were proposed to be established in Theni, Virudhunagar, Tuticorin, Erode, Cuddalore, Salem, Dindigul, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai and Krishnagiri districts, the details thereof; and
- (b) the status of the proposed Ultra Mega Food Park to be set up on a 450-acre land at Pelakuppam village in Villupuram district, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) has been implementing Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS), a component scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), to create modern infrastructure for the food processing sector along the value chain from farm to market. The Ministry does not set up Mega Food Parks on its own and rather the scheme is demand driven wherein proposals are invited through Expression of Interest from eligible entities as per scheme guidelines. Under the Mega Food Park scheme, MOFPI has sanctioned one project to Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board (TNSAMB) for setting up of Mega Food Park at Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu. Details of the project is at **Annexure**.

Further, a proposal from M/s State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu with proposed location at Upparapatti, Theni District was received during 10th phase (last date as 10.03.2021). However, the same could not be sanctioned due to lower marks scored as per evaluation criteria of scheme guidelines. There is no proposal pending with the Ministry from Theni, Virudhunagar, Tuticorin, Erode, Cuddalore, Salem, Dindigul, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai and Krishnagiri districts of Tamil Nadu for setting up of Mega Food Parks.

The scheme has been discontinued by the Government with effect from 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liabilities for ongoing projects only.

(b) MOFPI has no proposal to setup any Ultra Mega Food Park at Pelakuppam village in Villupuram District.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1867
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SPV/ IA Name	Date of Final Approval	Project Cost (INR in Cr)	Amount of grant approved (INR in Cr)	Amount of grant released (INR in Cr)
Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Tirunelveli	23.06.2021	77.024	23.64	6.89