

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 553**  
ANSWERED ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024

**ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF FOOD PROCESSING MARKET**

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

- (a) the annual growth rate of the food processing market in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) details about the efforts made by Government in the last five years to promote sustainable packaging technology in the food processing industry to reduce its carbon footprint;
- (c) whether Government is planning to set up food parks and clusters in the State of Tamil Nadu that provide a range of facilities and support services to food processing companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Annual Growth Rate of Food Processing Sector in the country during the last five years is as below whereas State-wise information is not available for the sector.

<b>Year</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23*</b>
<b>Growth Rate (%)</b>	22.28	-16.89	0.22	-3.46	1.29

\*As per 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Estimates of National Accounts Division, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

- (b) National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management -Thanjavur under Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has made efforts to promote and develop sustainable packaging technology through development of biodegradable plastics, safe and environmental friendly packaging solutions from biopolymers such as poly lactic acid (PLA), starch, nano fibres etc. The institute has well

established food packaging material testing laboratory (Universal testing machine, water vapor transmission analyzer, Gas permeability tester etc) to support the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sectors in testing and development of packaging materials for food packaging application. A variety of bio- based packaging materials such as tableware, edible cutlery and coating materials were also developed from the processing industries waste and biomass materials. These products are used as take-away food plates, trays bowls and packaging products with high performance barrier and rigidity characteristics. MoFPI has also been supporting start-ups in food processing industries through financial grants-in-aid for setting up of sustainable packaging units and research and development activities.

(c) & (d). MoFPI had been implementing Mega Food Park (MFP) Scheme, a component scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), to create modern infrastructure for the food processing sector along with the value chain from farm to market. Under the scheme, Ministry had approved 41 Mega Food Park projects across different States/UTs in the country. Out of this, 24 Mega Food Park projects are operational as on 30.06.2024. However, the scheme had been discontinued by the Government with effect from 01.04.2021 with provision for meeting out the committed liabilities for ongoing projects. Hence there is no such plan to setup food parks in Tamil Nadu or any other State/UT. In the state of Tamil Nadu one MFP project had been sanctioned. The details of project are at **Annexure**.

MoFPI has also been implementing the Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (APC) since 2017 under the PMKSY to incentivize the setting up of agro processing clusters in the country. The Scheme aims at development of common infrastructure viz. cold stores, warehouses, silos, ripening chambers, boundary wall, internal roads, boilers, etc. to encourage entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach which will help in reducing the loss of surplus produce and add value to the horticultural/agricultural produce. However, Ministry does not set up agro processing clusters or its facilities on its own but provides financial assistance to the prospective entrepreneurs in the form of grants-in-aid to set up agro processing clusters as per APC scheme guidelines. As on 30.06.2024, Ministry has approved 76 projects under APC scheme. Out of these, 12 projects are in the state of Tamil Nadu. The details are at **Annexure**.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 553 FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING “ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF FOOD PROCESSING MARKET”**

Details of the Mega Food Parks and Agro-Processing Clusters in the State of Tamil Nadu:

**MEGA FOOD PARKS**

Special Purpose Vehicle/Implementing Agency name	State/UT Name	District Name	Date of approval	Project cost (In Cr.)	Grant Approved (In Cr.)	Total Grant released (In Cr.)
Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board (TNSAMB)	Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli	23-Jun-2021	77.024	23.64	12.22

**AGRO-PROCESSING CLUSTERS**

S. No.	Name of the Project Execution Agency (PEA)	District	Date of approval	Project cost (In Cr.)	Grant Approved (in Cr.)	Total Grant released (in Cr.)
1	M/s JFK International	Coimbatore	01.08.2019	16.71	4.1921	2.8566
2	M/s P Duraisamy Maharaja Rice Mills Pvt Ltd	Tiruppur	03.10.2019	26.83	8.7682	6.2284
3	M/s Tiruvannamalai Market Committee	Tiruvannamalai	29.04.2020	25.506	5.7487	1.81084
4	M/s Salem Market Committee	Salem	29.04.2020	25.252	5.9753	1.88222
5	M/s Theni Market Committee	Theni	29.04.2020	26.308	5.9955	1.88858
6	M/s Dharmapuri Market Committee	Krishnagiri	29.04.2020	26.826	5.8937	1.85651
7	M/s Madurai Market Committee	Madurai	29.04.2020	32.066	5.7912	1.82423
8	M/s Dindigul Market Committee	Dindigul	29.04.2020	29.018	6.7357	2.12174
9	M/s Cuddalore Market Committee	Cuddalore	29.04.2020	25.002	5.9793	1.88348
10	M/s Delta Foods	Pudukkottai,	08.06.2020	24.3125	7.472	5.25282
11	M/s Vamsi RS Industrial Zone	Erode	17.11.2021	33.167	9.1351	0
12	M/s Integrated Service Point Private Limited	Thiruvallur	28.02.2024	42.635	10	0