

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4108
ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018

MODERN FACILITIES FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

4108. SHRI DILIP PATEL:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish and create modern infrastructure facilities for food processing industries, Mega Food Parks to boost the food processing industries and to strengthen farmers' agricultural activity by value addition and reduce wastage and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish Mega Food Park for Banana products in Maharashtra State as it is a major producer and supplier of banana in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has evolved any mechanism to ensure that the produce of farmers are taken by the Food Processing Industries (FPIs) at remunerative and prescribed prices and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the incentives of the Mega Food Park Scheme are passed on to the farmers or some percentage of profits is earmarked for the farmers whose produce are taken by the FPIs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS) to create modern infrastructure for the food processing along the value chain from farm to market in the country. It also includes creation of infrastructure for primary processing and storage near the farm gate at Primary Processing Centers (PPCs), Collection Centres (CCs) and common facilities and enabling infrastructure at Central Processing Centre. The scheme aims at increased realization for farmers, creation of high quality processing infrastructure, reduction in wastage, capacity building of producers, processors and creation of an efficient supply chain along with significant direct and indirect employment generation.

(b): Mega Food Park projects are not crop or area specific. However, MoFPI has approved following three (3) Mega Food Parks in the State of Maharashtra. The willing entrepreneurs / investors can use the facilities created in these Mega Food Parks for processing / preservation of banana.

Sl. No.	Project Name	Project Cost (Rs. in crore)	Amount of grants-in-aid sanctioned (Rs. in crore)
1.	M/s Wardha Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd, Wardha	92.36	50
2.	M/s Paithan Mega Food Park Ltd., Aurangabad	124.52	48.12
3.	M/s Satara Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd., Satara	139.33	50

(c) & (d): The scheme provides a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agriculture production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimization of wastages and improving farmers' income. The prices for procurement of raw material by the food processing units from farmers depends on the mutual understanding between them.
