

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 649†
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FOOD PARKS IN MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) whether the Government has established any food park for creation of advanced infrastructure for food processing in Maharashtra during the last four years;
- (b) the details of the financial assistance or funds made available to the approved parks during the last four years;
- (c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has made any request to the Union Government for setting up of any food park at present;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not establish Mega Food Parks in the country on its own under the Mega Food Park Scheme. The proposals under scheme are invited through Expression of Interest (EOI) from time to time. Selection of suitable proposals for these projects is done as per the Scheme guidelines, based on the merit, through a stringent appraisal process as per the prefixed criteria. As on date, no proposal is under consideration for establishing Mega Food Parks in state of Maharashtra. Ministry has accorded final approval to one project, which is being implemented by M/s Wardha Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd[Special Purpose Vehicle(SPV)] in the state of Maharashtra during last four years for setting up of Mega Food Park project under the scheme for Mega Food Parks. Details of this project with its status of implementation is as under:

| S. No. | Project Name | Project Cost (Rs. in Cr) | Date of In-principle Approval | Date of Final Approval | Amount of grant approved (Rs. in Cr) | Amount of grant released (Rs. in Cr) | Status |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Wardha Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd(SPV), Wardha, Maharashtra | 92.36 | 31.03.2015 | 13.01.2016 | 50 | 15.00 | Under Implementation |

(b): The Budget allocated at the stage of Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates and the total amount of Grant-in-aid released during last four financial years to the projects approved under the Mega Food Park scheme of Ministry in the country is as under:

| Year | BE (Rs. in Crore) | RE (Rs. in Crore) | Fund released (Rs. in Crore) |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2015-16* | 120.00 | 119.50 | 125.17 |
| 2016-17 | 222.30 | 300.15 | 300.08 |
| 2017-18 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 296.71 |
| 2018-19 | 390.00 | 182.86 | 181.46 |

*In F.Y. 2015-16, BE and RE has been allocated for the entire Infrastructure Development

Scheme comprising of Mega Food Park, Cold Chain and Modernization of Abattoirs.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. The proposals under scheme are invited through Expression of Interest (EOI) from time to time. At present, Ministry has not floated any EoI for submission of proposals under the Scheme for Mega Food Park of Ministry.
