

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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MEGA FOOD PARK WITH MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) the status of setting up of the Mega Food Park with modern infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu under the centrally sponsored Mega Food Park Scheme aiming to ensure maximizing the value addition and minimizing wastage in the agriculture thereby creating employment opportunities and increasing farmers' income particularly in rural sector; and
- (b) the tentative start-up and commissioning of the said Mega Food Park project in the State of Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme called "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojna" (PMKSY).

Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS), is a sub-scheme of PMKSY which is aimed at creating modern infrastructure for the food processing sector along the value chain from farm to market.

Under MFPS, MoFPI has approved a total of 41 projects across different States/ UTs, out of which 23 projects are operational.

A MFP project has been approved by MoFPI in year 2021 to Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board (TNSAMB) and is located in Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu. Time schedule, stipulated in the guidelines, for completion and operationalization of a project is 30 months.
