

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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FOOD PARKS

†1588. **SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:**

Will the Minister of Food Processing Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish food parks in every district of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the incentives provided by the Government to the promoters of food parks in each district and the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to expand the said programme to small and medium cities and if so, the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PASHUPATI KUMAR PARAS)

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Food Processing Industries was 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 scheme envisaged capital grant @50% of the eligible project cost in general areas and @75% in difficult and hilly areas i.e. North East Region including Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and ITDP notified areas of the States subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 crore per project. The Ministry does not establish any Mega Food Park on its own. Rather the scheme was demand driven and proposals were invited through Expression of Interest (EoI). The scheme was in operation from year 2008 to 31.03.2021 and was discontinued thereafter with provision for committed liability only. In view of this, no further Mega Food Parks are proposed to be supported under the Scheme in any part of the country.

Under the scheme, Ministry has approved 41 Mega Food Park (MFP) projects across the country. Out of these 41 MFPs, 24 projects are operational and remaining 17 projects are under various stages of implementation.

Ministry is implementing the Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (similar to mini food park) which is a component scheme under PMKSY for development of modern infrastructure to encourage entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach. This scheme is also demand driven and proposals are received through Expression of Interest (EOI) and interested entrepreneurs may participate in the EOIs invited by the Ministry from time to time.
