

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. ‡2409**  
ANSWERED ON 03<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2019

MEGA FOOD PARK SCHEME

‡2409. **SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the objective of Mega Food Park is to provide mechanism to link agricultural produce to the market by bringing together farmers, processors and retailers so as to ensure maximizing value addition, minimizing wastage, increasing farmers income and creating employment particularly in rural sector;
- (b) if so, whether Mega Food Park Scheme is a unit based scheme or a cluster based scheme;
- (c) the number of proposals pertaining to set up Mega Food Park which are under consideration of the Government as to provide remunerative price to farmers for their produce in Jhansi-Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) whether there is any provision to make land available free of cost for setting up Mega Food Park and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS) to create modern infrastructure for the food processing since 2008. This scheme is now a component of the new Central Sector Umbrella Scheme – PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA[PMKSY]. As per scheme guidelines, the Objectives of the Scheme are as under: -

- The primary objective of the MFPS is to provide modern infrastructure facilities for the food processing along the value chain from the farm to the market. It will include creation of processing infrastructure near the farm, transportation, logistics and centralized processing centers. **The main feature of the Scheme is a cluster based approach.** The scheme will be demand-driven and will facilitate food processing units to meet environmental and safety standards.
- The expected outcome is 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.

(c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not establish Mega Food Parks in the country on its own. The proposals under the scheme for Mega Food Parks of Ministry 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. As on date, there is no proposal under consideration to setup any new Mega Food Parks in the country including Jhansi-Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh.

(d): No, Sir.

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