GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 312

ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2022

SETTING UP OF MEGA FOOD PARK

312. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Mega Food Park in Khajuraho Parliamentary Constituency so as to build up cereal, millet and fruit based food processing economy in this relatively underdeveloped regions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing various subschemes of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), including the Mega Food Park (MFP) Scheme with the aim to create modern infrastructure for the food processing sector along the value chain from farm to market. However, MoFPI does not set up MFPs on its own. The scheme is demand driven and proposals are invited through Expression of Interest from time to time and MoFPI extends financial support to the "promoters" of the approved projects as grants-in-aid. MoFPI has sanctioned 41 MFPs in 25 different States/UTs so far.

As regards Khajuraho Parliamentary Constituency, no MFP project has been sanctioned. However, two (02) MFP projects have been approved in Khargaon and Dewas District of Madhya Pradesh.

The continuation of the MFP Scheme from 1st April 2021 onward has not been approved by the Government.
