

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. † 1733
ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2024

MEGA FOOD PARK SCHEME

† 1733. **SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government provides a mechanism to bring farmers, food-processors and retailers together under the Mega Food Park Scheme to link agro-produce to the market so that along with increasing income of the farmers, employment opportunities can also be generated in backward rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to establish Mega Food Park/Food Processing Unit in industrial area Sandila in Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh as the fruits and vegetables are grown on large scale in the area and there is a lot of production of fruits like mango, guava etc. but the farmers of the area do not get remunerative price of their produce; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing the Scheme for Mega Food Parks from 2008. The primary objective of the Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS) was to provide modern infrastructure facilities for the food processing along the value chain from the farm to the market. The scheme functions on a hub and spoke model. It includes creation of infrastructure for primary processing and storage near the farm gate at Primary Processing Centers (PPCs) and common facilities and enabling infrastructure at the Central Processing Centre (CPC). The CPC has need based common infrastructure required for use of food processing units like processing, packaging, environmental protection, quality control, trade facilitation etc. The Mega Food Park is a hub for agro produce processing, which creates demand for raw material for processing which ensures better price realization & increasing income for farmers and creating employment opportunities in the rural areas.
- (b) Under the MFPS, Ministry has approved 41 Mega Food Park projects. Out of this, 24 Mega Food Parks are operational. Under MFPS about 6.94 lakh man days employment is generated and about 79802 farmers have been benefited. The MFP scheme has been discontinued by the Government w.e.f. 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liability during 15th Finance Commission cycle.
- (c) & (d) In addition to MFPS, the Ministry is also implementing other component schemes of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) such as Agro Processing Cluster (APC), Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (ICC &VAI), Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) and Operation Greens (OG) which also provide for financial assistance for setting up of Food Processing Infrastructure/units in the country. The Ministry do not set up Mega Food Park or Food Processing units on its own. All these schemes are demand driven and proposals for setting up of Food Processing units under these schemes are invited through Expression of Interest. The details of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry for setting up of Food Processing units under component schemes of PMKSY in industrial area Sandila and Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh are given at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1733 FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING MEGA FOOD PARK SCHEME.

Details of Food Processing Units sanctioned in Sandila industrial area and Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Name of project	District	Date of Approval	Approved project Cost (INR in Cr)	Approved grant (INR in Cr)	Released grant (INR in Cr)	Status
Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain Scheme)						
M/s S.R. Food Chain	Shahjahanpur	22.05.2015	19.95	8.53	8.4	Completed
Creation/Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC scheme)						
M/s Kedarnath Industries	Hardoi (Sandila)	13.04.2018	4.97	1.64	1.08	Completed