

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2787
ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024

ADDITIONAL MEGA FOOD PARKS IN TAMIL NADU

2787. Dr. T SUMATHY ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN :

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to set up additional Mega Food Parks in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any investments in cold storages are being planned by the Government in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to develop additional biomass facilities owing to large production of sugarcane in the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b). Ministry of the Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has approved 41 Mega Food Park projects and out of this, 24 Mega Food Parks are operational. The scheme has been discontinued by the Government w.e.f. 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liabilities and hence, there is no proposal to set up additional Mega Food Parks in India, including Tamil Nadu.

(c), (d) & (e). MoFPI has been implementing central sector umbrella scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) since 2017-18 across the country. The objective of the scheme is to ensure overall development of food processing sector in the country. The PMKSY has several on-going component schemes such as Creation of Infrastructure for Agro Processing Cluster (APC), Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (ICC), Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC) and Operation Greens (OG) to provide financial assistance for setting up of Food Processing Industries (FPI) including setting up of cold chain infrastructure in the country. MoFPI does not set up food processing unit including cold storage infrastructure on its own. Schemes are demand driven and not region specific wherein proposals are invited through Expression of Interest from eligible entities as per scheme guidelines. MoFPI does not provide financial assistance for stand-alone cold storages and biomass facilities under any of the component schemes of PMKSY.

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which financial assistance is provided for various horticulture activities including Construction/Expansion/ Modernization of cold storages for storage of perishable horticultural produce throughout the country including Tamil Nadu on the basis of Annual Action Plan (AAP) received from States/UTs. AAPs are prepared by the States/UTs based on their requirement, capacity and availability of resources. The component under the scheme is demand/entrepreneur driven for which Government assistance in the form of credit linked back ended subsidy is available at the rate of 35% of the project cost in general areas and 50% of the project cost in hilly and scheduled areas through respective State Horticulture Missions.