

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 672
ANSWERED ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2024

**OPERATIONALIZATION OF MEGA FOOD PARKS AND AGRO-PROCESSING
CLUSTERS**

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the expected progress in setting up and operationalization of 41 Mega Food Parks and 67 Agro-Processing Clusters as per the latest data available to help the farmers to get better prices of their produce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof especially in Marathwada region of Maharashtra; and
- (c) the initiative taken/being taken by the Government to give benefits to the farmers in real terms as well as to consumers?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b). Mega Food Parks scheme was launched in 2008 to boost food processing in the country with aim of establishing world-class infrastructure and common user facilities adopting cluster approach based on hub and spoke model. Despite the Ministry's efforts to streamline the scheme through appropriate amendments in the guidelines to remove bottlenecks and periodic review meeting with the stakeholders, the pace of implementation of the scheme is slow. Out of 41 approved projects, 24 projects are operational and running successfully. These 24 projects have created 10.68 lakh MT of processing capacities, 17.93 Lakh MT of preservation capacity and generated 667236 direct & indirect employment benefiting 60277 farmers. The requirement of at least 50 acres of land which often is a deterrent in hilly and difficult areas. After taking into account recommendations of many state Governments & Working Group constituted under 12th Finance Commission, a new Scheme for creation of infrastructure for Agro Processing Clusters (APC) was launched under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) to develop common infrastructure in relatively smaller geographical area of 10 acres. Accordingly, Mega Food Park scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. 01.04.2021 with committed liabilities for the approved projects. The Scheme for creation of infrastructure for Agro Processing Cluster is a demand driven scheme, which aims at development of modern infrastructure and common facilities to encourage group of entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach. Ministry of Food

Processing Industries does not set up APC on its own but provides financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to the entrepreneurs/ investors for establishing agro-processing clusters. Applications under this scheme are invited online from prospective investors / entrepreneurs against Expression of Interest (EoI) issued by Ministry from time to time depending upon availability of funds. Projects approved under the Scheme for creation of infrastructure for Agro Processing Cluster is 76, out of which 23 projects have been completed/operational till date. A total number of 69775 farmers have been benefitted and a total number of 16645 employments have been generated in the 23 completed/operational projects. Details of projects approved under Scheme for creation of infrastructure for Agro Processing Cluster and Mega Food Park scheme in the state of Maharashtra including Marathwada is at Annexure.

(c). The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing schemes to boost food processing industry by building infrastructure for cold chains and value addition, creating agro-processing clusters, connecting and augmenting supply chains, focusing on food processing, food safety & quality, and developing human resources & institutions directly benefitting farmers and consumers. These schemes are: Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, and Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI). Under PMKSY, 1653 projects are approved and 1079 projects are completed/operational, benefitting 32,80,369 farmers. Under the Capacity Building component of Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme, trainings for both farmers and micro level entrepreneurs are being conducted on the thematic area “Value addition of the products to reduce the post-harvest losses.”

ANNEXURE

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) IN RESPECT OF
LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 672 FOR REPLY ON 28.11.2024
REGARDING “OPERATIONALIZATION OF MEGA FOOD PARKS AND
AGRO-PROCESSING CLUSTERS”.**

| S.No. | Name of the Project Execution Agency (PEA) | District | Project cost (In Cr.) | Approved Grant | Total Grant released (in Cr.) | Total Employment Expected/ Generated | Farmers benefitted/ expected to be benefitted | Status |
|--|---|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Scheme for creation of infrastructure for Agro Processing Cluster | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | M/s Sahyadri Farmers Producer Company Limited | Nashik | 33.27 | 8.656 | 8.4396 | 2625 | 15100 | Completed and Operational with food processing units |
| 2 | M/s India Mega Agro Anaj Limited | Nanded | 30.99 | 10.00 | 6.5 | 1000 | 5000 | Core processing & basic enabling infrastructure completed. |
| 3 | M/s Swabhimani Co-op Industrial Estate Ltd. | Kolhapur | 31.97 | 10.00 | 6.95964 | 1055 | 4000 | Core processing & basic enabling infrastructure completed. |
| 4 | M/s Kisan Sampada Food Park Industries | Nagpur | 29.96 | 9.69 | 8.3365 | 720 | 2600 | Completed and Operational with food processing units |
| 5 | M/s Madhur Food Park LLP | Dhule | 25.84 | 10.00 | 6.5447 | 520 | 0 | Core processing & basic enabling infrastructure completed. |
| 6 | M/s Reva Tapi Valley Industrial Development | Nandurbar | 27.06 | 10.00 | 6.75 | 893 | 4000 | Under Implementation |
| 7 | M/s Pravin Masalewale | Satara | 64.69 | 10.00 | 6.75 | 2135 | 4000 | Under Implementation |
| 8 | M/s Baheti Krushi Samuha LLP | Washim | 12.544 | 2.8496 | 1.9976 | 414 | 4000 | Under Implementation |

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| 9 | M/s Chinteshwar Agro Processing Pvt Ltd | Beed, | 22.504 | 8.2796 | 5.656336 | 743 | 4000 | Under Implementation |
| 10 | M/s Varsha Agro | Pune | 40.67 | 10.00 | 0 | 1342 | 4000 | Under Implementation |
| 11 | M/s Arya Food and Other Products Processing Unit | Solapur | 28.545 | 10.00 | 0 | 942 | 4000 | Under Implementation |
| 12 | M/s Divyansh Agro And Food Park | Bhandra | 26.652 | 10.00 | 0 | 879 | 4000 | Under Implementation |
| 13 | M/s Harrshiv Healthy Foods and More Private Limited | Nagpur | 39.32 | 10 | 0 | 1298 | 4000 | Under Implementation |

Scheme for Mega Food Parks

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|---|--------------------------------|------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1 | Satara Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd | Satara | 139.33 | 50.00 | 45.00 | 229 | 500 | Operational |
| 2 | Paithan Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd | Aurangabad | 124.52 | 48.82 | 43.94 | 573 | 1250 | Operational |
| 3 | Wardha Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd | Wardha | 92.36 | 50.00 | 15.00 | 0 | 4000 | Under Implementation |
