

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOOD PARKS

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

- (a) the number of Food Parks to be set up in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (b) the details including the places where they are likely to be set up;
- (c) the amounts allocated so far for this programme;
- (d) whether these Food Parks include cold storages; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has developed a scheme for providing financial assistance for establishment of Mega Food Parks, which envisages a well- defined agri/horticultural-processing zone containing state of the art processing facilities with support infrastructure and well established supply chain. During the 11th Five Year Plan, 30 Mega Food Parks are proposed to be established with financial assistance of MFPI. The scheme aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimization of wastages and improving farmers' income. The primary objective of the scheme is to facilitate establishment of an integrated value chain, with processing at the core and supported by requisite forward and backward linkages. The scheme envisages initiatives led by prospective private investors after creating a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with all stakeholders and assisted by MFPI for implementation of the project.

The scheme is project oriented. The locations of the Mega Food Parks have to be selected on demand-driven cluster based approach with delineated supply chain and well supported by pre-feasibility studies. Total fund amounting to Rs. 2613 crore has been allocated for Infrastructure Development Scheme including Mega Food Park for 11th Plan period. Mega Food Park will have need based common infrastructure facilities depending upon the functional requirements of the project and may include cold storages.