

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up food park in every district in the country;
- (b) if so, the incentives granted to the promoters of food park in every district;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the programme to the small and medium towns; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): Under the Scheme for Infrastructure Development, Food Parks were set up during 8th to 10th Five Year Plan Periods. The Scheme envisaged to make available common infrastructure facilities for the Food Processing Industries, especially Small and Medium Enterprises. The Scheme provided for a grant up to 25% of the project cost in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas of North-East States, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore.

In the 11th Five Year Plan, Government with a view to provide an integrated approach having strong backward and forward linkages, has come up with a new Scheme of Mega Food Parks under Infrastructure Development. Under the new Scheme, grants-in-aid will be available up to 50% of the project cost in general areas and 75% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 crore. It is proposed to set up 30 Mega Food Parks during the 11th Five Year Plan Period. The process of setting up of 10 out of these parks has already been initiated. The Scheme is a demand driven and cluster based, where availability of raw material in the cluster is of utmost importance to sustain the commercial viability of Mega Food Parks.