

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to set up food parks, faculty for education and special purpose vehicles with a view to promote Food Processing Industry (FPI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said schemes are likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) & (b): Government has approved setting up of Mega Food Parks under the 11th Plan Scheme of Infrastructure Development for Mega Food Parks. Each Mega Food Park Project under the above scheme is to be implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). The SPV shall be a Body Corporate which will execute, own and manage the Mega Food Park Project. Ministry provides one time capital grant for setting up of Mega Food Parks. The Scheme aims at creating state of art infrastructure facilities which consist of both core and non-core infrastructures along with basic enabling infrastructure. There is no provision of faculty for education under this scheme. However, under the non-core facilities there is a provision for training centre in the Central Processing Centres of the projects.

So far as Govt. assistance for education in food processing sector is concerned, there is a separate scheme for Human Resource Development. The details of the scheme are available on the Ministry's website [www.mofpi.nic.in](http://www.mofpi.nic.in). Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to Food Processing Training Centres (FPTC), Creation of Infrastructure for running Degree/ Diploma courses in Food Processing in Universities, Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) and Training Programmes sponsored by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

(c): The Schemes of Mega Food Park and Human Resource Development are already under implementation.