

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MEGA FOOD PATH
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up a Mega Food Programme;
- (b) if so, the details of the status of the programme;
- (c) the main objective of the programme;
- (d) whether the State Governments have any role in the said programme; and
- (e) if so, the details alongwith the number of Mega Food Path centres set up in the country, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): No scheme is operated under the Ministry in the name of Mega Food Path nor is under consideration. However, the Government has approved establishment of 10 Mega Food Parks in the first phase out of 30 Mega Food Parks envisaged for the 11th Five Year Plan under the Infrastructure Development scheme.

(b) & (c): The projects are to be implemented, owned, and maintained by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) consisting of a group of stakeholders like entrepreneurs, investors, processors, farmer groups, NGOs, State Government and/or its undertakings etc. The primary objective of the scheme is to provide excellent infrastructure facilities for Food Processing alongwith value chain from the farm to market, with a strong backward and forward linkages

(d): The state government has a major role to play in the above scheme such as:

- i) Providing assistance to SPVs in procurement of suitable land.
- ii) Providing all the requisite clearances, wherever needed, for setting up the MFP and its components thereof and providing the necessary assistance for Power, Water, Approach roads and other external infrastructure to the project
- iii) Providing flexible and conducive labour environment and consider special facilities like exemption of stamp duty, VAT/Sales Tax exemption etc. for the MFP and the units located in the MFP.

(e): 10 States have been approved for setting up of Mega Food Parks in the 1st phase. Details of Mega Food Parks set up State-wise has been given in Annexure-I.