

**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 agriculture sector in the country lacks back-up support in term of viable delivery and marketing chains for achieving agricultural diversification in food, dairy and poultry: and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): The country lacks adequate infrastructure facilities for post harvest management and effective supply chain management. To address this problem, Government has approved Infrastructure Development Scheme during the 11th Plan period which includes the following 3 components.

(i) Mega Food Park

(ii) Cold Chain, value addition and preservation Infrastructure

(iii) Modernization of Abattoirs

(b): The steps taken by the Government during the 11th Plan period in the above 3 components are given below:

(i) Mega Food Park:-A total of 30 projects were envisaged in Mega Food Park Scheme out of which 15 projects have been approved so far.

(ii) Cold Chain, value addition and preservation Infrastructure: - 49 proposals have been approved so far

(iii) Modernization of Abattoirs: - Setting up of 50 Abattoirs were envisaged in the 11th Plan, out of which 10 Abattoirs have been sanctioned so far.