

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

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE FOR FOOD PROCESSING
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of a Special Economic Zone for food processing in Tuticorin area of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds, infrastructure and other facilities proposed to be provided in this regard: and
- (d) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. This Ministry has no proposal for setting up a Special Economic Zone for Food Processing in Tuticorin area of Tamil Nadu. However, under Infrastructure Development Scheme, this Ministry has approved setting up of a Mega Food Park at Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu under 11th Plan Schemes.
- (b): This Mega Food Park with a total project cost of Rs. 133.45 crore is located at Morrapur, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu. Out of the above project cost, grants-in-aid of Rs. 50.00 crore has been sanctioned for this project.
- (c): Rs. 5.00 crore has been released on 01-07-2010 out of sanctioned grants-in-aid of Rs. 50.00 crore as 1st tranche of 1st instalment. The Mega Food Park Project aims at creating state of the art infrastructure facilities for the food processing industries from farm gate to retailer's outlet with an efficient supply chain management having strong backward and forward linkages. The infrastructure and other facilities envisaged under the Scheme of Mega Food Parks are facilities for cleaning, sorting & grading, packaging, dry ware houses, Controlled Atmosphere Chambers, ripening chambers, cold chain infrastructure including reefer vans, roads, drainage, water supply, electricity and effluent treatment plant etc.
- (d): As per the guidelines, time for completion of a Mega Food Park is 24 months after the release of 1st instalment.