GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:151 ANSWERED ON:13.03.2012 MEGA FOOD PARKS

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

- (a) the details of mega food parks set up in the country during the XI Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to set up mega food parks in each district of the country.
- (c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the progress made thereon, park-wise and State-wise.
- (d) the number of mega food parks proposed to be set up by the Government in the country including in the State of Tamil Nadu during the XII Five Year Plan, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for better marketing of food items including traditional and locally popular food items through such food parks?

Answer

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

- (a): The details of Mega Food Parks approved so far throughout the country during Xlth Five Year Plan is given at Annexure.
- (b): No, Madam, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
- (c): Not applicable in view of answer to (b) above.
- (d): Government has not approved XII Five Year Plan so far. However, setting up of a Mega Food Park at Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu has already been approved in the XI Five Year Plan by the Government.
- (e): The Mega Food Park Scheme was approved by the Government during the XI Plan, with an objective of developing adequate infrastructure facilities with effective supply chain management from farm gate to retailer outlet in a market driven manner. The project is implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) which is a body corporate registered under the Indian Companies Act. The SPV is required to develop common facilities to facilitate setting up of food processing industries as per the demand of the market and availability of the raw materials.