

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MEGA FOOD PARKS

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

- (a) the criteria and objectives for establishing Mega Food Parks in the country;
- (b) the details of Mega Food Parks approved during the 11th and the 12th Five Year Plans and the present status of these parks across the country along with the funds sanctioned, released and utilised in respect of each of these parks, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to setup more such parks in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified and the funds earmarked for the purpose, State -wise; and
- (e) the manner in which the farmers would be benefited and the estimated employment likely to be generated by establishing these food parks?

Answer

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

(a):Objective of Mega Food Parks Scheme is to provide modern infrastructure for Food Processing Industries in a demand driven manner with an effective supply chain management from farm gate to market. It envisages a cluster- based approach and Hub and Spoke Model comprising of farm proximate facilities such as Collection Centres, Primary Processing Centres (PPC) networked with a Central Processing Centre (CPC). The Mega Food Parks (MFPs) are set up in high potential zones where requisite volumes of raw material are available. Mega Food Park scheme is implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), a body corporate register under Indian Companies Act, 1956. The SPV have at least three entrepreneurs/ business unit including a food processor (s) with at least twenty six percent of equity in the SPV.

(b):During 11th and 12th Plan, till date, a total of 40 Mega Food Park projects have been sanctioned by the Ministry for implementation in different States in the country. The project by details of grant sanctioned, released and actual expenditure is given at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Ministry propose to invite fresh Expression of Interest from whole country for selection of Mega Food Park projects against the vacancies arising out of cancellation/withdrawal of the projects approved till date.

(e):Each Mega Food Park is expected to benefit 6000 farmers / producers directly and 25000-30000 farmers indirectly. The expected outcome from the each Mega Food Park projects is increased realization for farmers, creation of high quality processing infrastructure, reduction in wastage of agriculture produce, capacity building of producers and processors and creation of an efficient supply chain. Each Mega Food Park is estimated to generate about 30,000 direct and indirect employments.