

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOOD PARK

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

- (a) the total number of food parks approved during the Tenth Five Year Plan Period and the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) the number and details of food parks that became operational in the country till date State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to establish more food parks in the country?

Answer

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

(a): 15 Food Parks were approved by the Government during the Tenth Five Year Plan Period. During the 11th Plan, till date, 'in-principle' approval has been accorded in case of setting up of 10 Mega Food Park projects.

(b): A table showing the number and details of Food Parks that became operational in the country till date, State-wise, is given in the Annexure.

(c): In the 11th Plan, the Ministry has approved a new scheme to establish 30 Mega Food Parks with a view to provide state-of-the-art infrastructure for food processing sector in the country on a pre-identified cluster basis with a strong backward and forward linkage and to provide value addition of agricultural commodities including poultry, meat, dairy, fisheries etc. in a demand driven manner. Financial assistance has been enhanced to 50% of project cost excluding land component in general areas and 75% in difficult areas, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 crore for setting up of Mega Food Parks.