

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether proposals to set up Mega Food Parks received during the Eleventh Five Year Plan have been approved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the challenges being faced during the implementation of such projects; and
- (c) the status of implementation of Mega Food Parks in North Eastern Region along with the details of overall representation of the industry in the region?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam. During Eleventh Plan, Government approved taking up of 30 Mega Food Parks Projects in the country. All the 30 Mega Food Park projects have been approved by the Ministry from the eligible proposals received against Expression of Interest for selection of projects. The details of 30 Mega Food Parks of Eleventh Plans are at Annexure.

The experience of the implementation of the scheme revealed that the following are the main issues being faced during implementation by the Mega Food Parks projects:

- i. Acquiring of minimum 50 acre land with Change of Land Use for the project and obtaining State Government permission for subleasing the plots.
- ii. Obtaining sanction of the term loan from the banks to fund the implementation of the project.
- iii. Delays in getting necessary State Government statutory and other clearances.
- iv. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the SPVs being unable to take a lead role in execution of the project due to private character of the SPV and capping of the participation of PSUs at 26% of the total equity.
- v. Difficulty in finding participation of Food Processor in SPV with minimum of 26% equity with net worth of Rs. 10 crore.
- vi. Lack of cohesiveness amongst the promoters in some of the projects leading to legal disputes and delay in contribution of equity in the SPV.

(c): In the North Eastern Region, total three Mega Food Park projects have been approved by the Ministry during eleventh Plan in the States of Assam, Tripura and Sikkim. The details of implementation of Mega Food Park projects in North Eastern Region are at Annexure.

Food Processing Industries are set up both in organized and unorganized sectors and as such data regarding its representation in the country including North Eastern Region is not centrally maintained by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. As per the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2011-12, the State-wise estimated number of factories in the registered FPI sector in the North Eastern Region is as below:

State-wise estimated Number of Factories in Registered FPI units in North Eastern Region for 2011-12.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Units
1.	Assam	1,212
2.	Manipur	18
3.	Meghalaya	18
4.	Nagaland	12
5.	Sikkim	18
6.	Tripura	55
	Total	1333