

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:24
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2014
MEGA FOOD PARKS
Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram

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

- (a) the objectives and the guidelines for establishing Mega Food Parks in the country and the extent to which these objectives have been achieved;
- (b) whether the Government has received several proposals from the States for setting up mega food parks in various parts of the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon including the funds allocated/ released for the purpose during the above period project/State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 24 FOR ANSWER ON 8TH JULY, 2014 REGARDING MEGA FOOD PARKS

(a): The primary objective of Mega Food Parks Scheme is to create modern infrastructure facilities for the food processing along the value chain from the farm to the market with a cluster based approach based on a hub and spokes model. It includes creation of infrastructure for primary processing and storage near the farm at Primary Processing Centres (PPCs) and Collection Centres (CCs) and common facilities and enabling infrastructure like roads, electricity, water, ETP facilities etc. at Central Processing Centre (CPC). These PPCs and CCs act as aggregation and storage points to feed raw material to the processing units located in the CPC.

(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. Details of the proposals for setting up Mega Food Parks received from various States in the country including Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I.

(d): 30 Mega Food Park projects have been accorded In-principle approval by the Ministry after evaluation of the proposals, received during the last three years and the current year, as per the scheme guidelines. Out of these 30 projects, 13 projects have been accorded final approval and are at various stages of implementation. 13 projects have been cancelled due to their failure to meet the conditions of final approval as per the scheme guidelines. Details of implementation of these 30 projects including the funds allocated/released for the purpose during the last three years and the current year are as at Annexure-II.