

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4929
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SETTING UP NEW FOOD PARKS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up food parks in various districts of Bihar including Darbhanga;
- (b) whether the Government is considering any concrete action plan for upliftment of fruit and vegetable growing farmers of Darbhanga district; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up any national level college or institute for food technology and research in Darbhanga and if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): No, Sir. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is presently not implementing Food Parks scheme. However, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS) to create modern infrastructure for the food processing. Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not establish Mega Food Parks in the country on its own but assist Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) registered under the Companies Act and State Government/ State Government entities/Cooperatives to establish Mega Food Parks under the Mega Food Park Scheme. The proposals under the scheme for Mega Food Parks of Ministry are invited through Expression of Interest (EOI) from time to time. At present, Ministry has not floated any EoI for submission of proposals under the Scheme and as on date, there is no proposal under consideration to set up new Mega Food Parks in any district of Bihar, including Darbhanga. However, Ministry has accorded final approval to one project in the state of Bihar for setting up of Mega Food Park project as per following details.

S.No.	Project Name	Project Cost (Rs. In Cr.)	Date of In-principle Approval	Date of Final Approval	Amount of grant approved (Rs. in Cr)	Amount of grant released (Rs. in Cr)	Status
1.	Pristine Mega Food Pvt. Ltd, Khagaria, Bihar	127.91	21.09.2012	06.08.2014	43.77	24.51	Under Implementation

(b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has launched Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) in May, 2017 with the objective of augmenting the capacity of food processing through technology infusion/ upgradation, creating effective backward and forward linkages by linking farmers to the processors and markets, creating effective supply chain and transport logistics for perishable products, creation of modern infrastructure for development of agro processing clusters. Under the PMKSY, Ministry is implementing following schemes - (i) Mega Food Parks; (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure; (iii) Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities; (iv) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters; (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages; (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure; and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions. Interested entrepreneurs including farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations(FPOs) of Darbhanga district may submit their proposals under the these scheme of PMKSY as and when Expression of Interest(EoIs) are invited.

(c): No, Sir,
