

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5346
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD APRIL, 2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD PARK IN TAMIL NADU

5346. SHRI MANI A:

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

- (a) the details of the number of food parks established by the Government during the last three years and the current year across the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of newly established food parks in Tamil Nadu, district-wise including their capacity, infrastructure and operational status;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposals to set up additional food parks in Tamil Nadu to boost the food processing sector, particularly in rural and agricultural regions;
- (d) if so, the details of the proposed food parks in Tamil Nadu, including their planned locations, estimated investment, expected timeline for completion and the support provided by the Government; and
- (e) the expected impact of these food parks on farmers, small-scale food processors, employment generation and overall economic development in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)

(a): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing Mega Food Park scheme (MFPS), a component scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMSKY) for creating modern infrastructure for the food processing sector along the value chain from farm to market. As the Ministry does not set up such projects on its own, it invites Proposals from interested entities/organizations through Expression of Interest (EoI) floated from time to time, in accordance with scheme guidelines. State wise allocation has not been made under Mega Food Parks Schemes. The scheme has been discontinued by the Government w.e.f. 01.04.2021 with provision for committed liabilities during 15th Finance Commission Cycle. No new mega Food parks have been sanctioned in last three years and current year across the country including Tamil Nadu . One Mega Food Park has already been sanctioned in the state of Tamil Nadu and the details of the project along with status are at **Annexure**.

(b): The Mega Food Park located at Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu is being implemented by Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board (TNSAMB) and has been established in 50 acres at a project cost of Rs. 77.024 Crore. The project is under Implementation. The Government has approved a grant-in-aid of Rs. 23.64 crore to the project and an amount of Rs.12.22 crore has been released till date. The project is expected to create processing and preservation capacity of 0.5984 Lakh MT and employment for about 5700 persons, about 30000 farmers will be benefitted.

(c) & (e): No such proposal for approval of additional Mega Food parks across the country including Tamil Nadu as the scheme has been discontinued .

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5346 ANSWERED ON 03RD APRIL 2025 REGARDING “ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD PARK IN TAMIL NADU”.

| SPV/IA Name | State/ UT Name | District Name | Date of Final Approval | Total Project Cost (INR in Cr) | Grant Approve d (INR in Cr) | Grant Released (INR in Cr) | Status |
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| Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board (TNSAMB) | Tamil Nadu | Tirunelve li | 23-Jun- 2021 | 77.024 | 23.64 | 12.22 | Under Implementati on |
