

Regarding need for approval for establishment of Mega Food Parks in Bolangir district, Odisha-Laid

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): I draw the attention of the Government towards the urgent need for establishing Mega Food Parks in Bolangir, district with strong agricultural output and available Government land ready for immediate utilisation. Bolangir and the wider Western Odisha region produce substantial volumes of paddy, pulses, millets, oilseeds, fruits, and vegetables, yet farmers continue to face losses due to the absence of modern processing facilities and reliable market linkages. Mega Food Parks, developed under the cluster-based model of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, provide state-of-the-art supply chain infrastructure including collection centres, primary processing centres, cold chain systems, and fully serviced industrial plots. They create value addition, reduce wastage, and open sustained avenues of income for farmers while generating significant rural employment. Bolangir is uniquely positioned to benefit from this infrastructure, given the availability of land, strong millet production, and the regions growing horticulture base. A Food Park here will attract investment, support SMEs, integrate local produce into national and global supply chains, and give Western Odisha a stable industrial ecosystem. Through you, Sir, I urge the Honble Minister of Food Processing Industries to approve and expedite the establishment of Mega Food Parks in Bolangir, ensuring long-pending economic and developmental gains for the region.