

### **Pending projects for Food Parks in Karnataka**

691. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the pending projects for Food Parks in Karnataka;
- (b) whether Government proposes to release funds and complete the food projects; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish more such Food Parks in that State?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government has approved setting up of 4 Food Parks in the State of Karnataka during the operation of Eighth to Tenth Plan periods. No proposal is pending for approval.

(b) Release of grant is subject to fulfillment of prescribed conditions by the Implementing Agency. For expeditious completion of these projects. Government has followed up with the Implementing Agency from time to time to fulfill the prescribed conditions and undertake expeditious progress, so as to enable the Government to release further grants.

(c) Food Parks scheme have been discontinued during Eleventh Plan period by the Government. Now a new scheme for Infrastructure Development has been approved viz., Mega Food Park Scheme under which one Mega Food Park has been approved for being set up in Kolar/Tumkur District in Karnataka.

### **Setting up food processing units in Uttar Pradesh**

†692. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received from Government of Uttar Pradesh to set up food processing units in the State pending with the Central Government as on 30 September, 2012;
- (b) the details/status of each of such proposals and the reasons for delay in their approval; and
- (c) by when Government would take a decision on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation, Establishment and Modernization of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance to the proposals received from eligible agencies for setting up of food processing units as per guidelines of scheme. MFPI schemes are project specific, not State specific. MFPI has not received any proposals

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directly from State Governments including that of Uttar Pradesh for financial assistance for setting up of food processing units on its own during the last three years. Under the decentralized procedure, the applications are received directly by the Banks/FIs, hence the data for receipt of the applications for 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 is not maintained centrally by the Ministry. However, during last three years and current year total 159 proposals received through e-portal are pending in the Ministry in respect of Uttar Pradesh State which are at various stage of implementation. 184 number of proposals have been approved for grants-in-aid during this period. These are many reasons for delay which include non-receipts of deficient documents and at times lack of available resources.

(c) The clearance of the proposal under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/Modernization of Food Processing Industries in the country including that of Uttar Pradesh State depends upon the availability of funds and hence, the timeframe cannot be fixed at this stage.

**Joint venture with Canada for promotion of  
food processing industry**

693. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has signed any joint venture for promotion of food processing industry with Canada;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether Government proposes to participate in the festival of food processing industries to be held in Canada next year; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government has not signed any joint venture for promotion of food processing industry with Canada.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government may consider taking a decision in the near future to participate in the fair focusing food processing sector to be held in Canada next year.

(d) Canada is going to host SIAL Toronto, a large fair of food processing industries, in the month of May, 2011 and Ministry may consider participation there.

**Survey for development of food processing industries**

694. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to explore the potential of development of food processing industries in the country;