

**Initiatives for growth of FPIs in Tamil Nadu**

1371. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken by Government in Tamil Nadu for the growth of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) under Infrastructure Development Scheme and Strengthening of Institutions Scheme during the last five years; and

(b) the details of employment opportunities that have been created by implementing these two schemes in the food processing sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) For promotion and development of food processing sector in the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for Infrastructure Development for Food Processing having components of Mega Food Parks and Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure and Setting-up/Modernisation of Abattoirs. The details of the projects being assisted under this scheme in Tamil Nadu are given in the Statement (*See below*).

The Ministry is also implementing a scheme for Strengthening of Institutions which focuses on putting in place new and strengthening of existing institutional mechanism for human resource development in the food processing sector. Under the scheme, Paddy Processing Research Centre (PPRC), Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu has been upgraded as the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT). The institute is running various academic programmes in B.Tech. (Food Process Engineering), M.Tech.(Food Process Engineering), M.Tech.(Food Science and Technology) and Ph.D. (Food Process Engineering). A NABL Accredited ISO/IEC 17025:2005 certified Food Safety and Quality Testing Laboratory and an ISO 14001 and 22000 and HACCP Certified Food Processing Business Incubation Centre have also been setup in this institute.

(b) Each Mega Food Park established under the Mega Food Park component of the scheme for Infrastructure Development is expected to generate about 30,000 direct and indirect employments. On an average, each Cold Chain Project creates direct employment for 100 persons and benefits about 400-500 farmers in each of the project in fruits and vegetables sector and about 5000-6000 farmers in dairy sector. IICPT has provided direct employment to 105 persons and trained 14757 persons under skill development for self employment.

**Statement***Status of Mega Food Park projects being assisted by Ministry in Tamil Nadu*

(₹ in lakh)						
Sl. No.	Project	District	Date of approval	Project cost	Amount of grant-in-aid approved	Amount of grant-in-aid released
1.	3 F Industries Limited	Krishnagiri	31.03.2015	12778.00	5000.00	00.00

*Status of Cold Chain projects being assisted by Ministry in Tamil Nadu*

(₹ in lakh)						
Sl. No.	Project	District	Date of approval	Project cost	Amount of grant-in-aid approved	Amount of grant-in-aid released
1.	Farm Fresh Banana	Theni	02.02.2009	1554.00	605.70	605.70
2.	SKM Animal Feeds and Foods (India) Limited	Coimbatore	22.05.2015	2475.00	906.225	00.00

*Status of Abattoirs projects being assisted by the Ministry in Tamil Nadu*

(₹ in lakh)						
Sl. No.	Project	District	Date of approval	Project Cost	Amount of grant-in-aid approved	Amount of grant-in-aid released
1.	Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation, Gandhi Market	Tiruchirappalli	18.12.2013	306.23	145.83	14.58
2.	Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation, Panchappur	Tiruchirappalli	18.12.2013	679.01	321.61	0.00

**SC/ST Welfare Associations**

1372. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- the details of PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry;
- the details of SC/ST persons employed in various groups in these PSUs;