

being implemented by M/s Sukhjit Mega Food Park and Infra Ltd. at Kapurthala and M/s Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd (PAIC) at Ludhiana is 30 months from the date of release of first instalment of grants-in-aid.

(d) Each Mega Food Park project on being fully functional and populated with food processing units, is expected to create employment for about 5000-6000 persons and benefit about 25000-30000 farmers in the catchment area.

Food Processing Industry in North-East India

405. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes and projects under the Food Processing Industry that have been introduced in North-East India since 2014; and

(b) the assessment of the impact through the schemes and projects till 2016, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) The Ministry is implementing a number of Central Sector Schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country including in North-East India. These are (1) Scheme for Mega Food Parks (2) Scheme for Modern Abattoirs (3) Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (4) Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation (5) Scheme for Quality Assurance, and (6) Scheme for Human Resource and Institutions. The detailed guidelines of these schemes having the pattern of financial assistance, eligibility criteria, procedure for approval of projects etc. are available on the Ministry's website at www.moffpi.nic.in. Under these Schemes, higher level of assistance is provided to the entrepreneurs setting up project in the North-East Region.

(b) No exclusive State-wise assessment of the impact of the schemes and projects in the North East Region has been carried out by the Ministry till date.

Mega Food Parks

406. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many Mega Food Park projects have been started or whose foundation stone was laid and are in the process, in the last two years, with details;

(b) how many other Mega Food Parks are in full operation in the last two years;