



Mega Food Park Scheme

Why in News

Recently, the Union Minister for Food Processing Industries virtually inaugurated the **Indus Best Mega Food Park at Raipur, Chhattisgarh**.

- It is built under the [Mega Food Park Scheme](#). By this food park, about **5000 people will get employment and about 25000 farmers will be benefited**.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It was launched in **2008-09** to give a major **boost to the food processing sector** by adding value and reducing food wastage at each stage of the supply chain with a particular focus on perishables.
 - The **Ministry of Food Processing Industries** is implementing the Mega Food Park Scheme in the country.
- Mega Food Parks **create modern infrastructure facilities for food processing along the value chain** from farm to market with strong forward and backward linkages through a cluster-based approach.

▪ Aim:

- To provide a **mechanism to link agricultural production to the market** by bringing together farmers, processors and retailers so as to **ensure maximizing value addition, minimizing wastage, increasing farmers income** and creating **employment opportunities** particularly in the rural sector.

▪ Approach:

- The Scheme is **based on the “Cluster” approach** and envisages creation of state of art support infrastructure in a **well-defined agri/horticultural zone** for setting up of **modern food processing units** in the industrial plots provided in the park with a **well-established supply chain**.

▪ Components:

- A Mega food Park typically consists of supply chain infrastructure including **collection centers (cc), primary processing centers (ppc) central processing centers (cpc), cold chain** and around **25-30 fully developed plots** for entrepreneurs to set up food processing units.

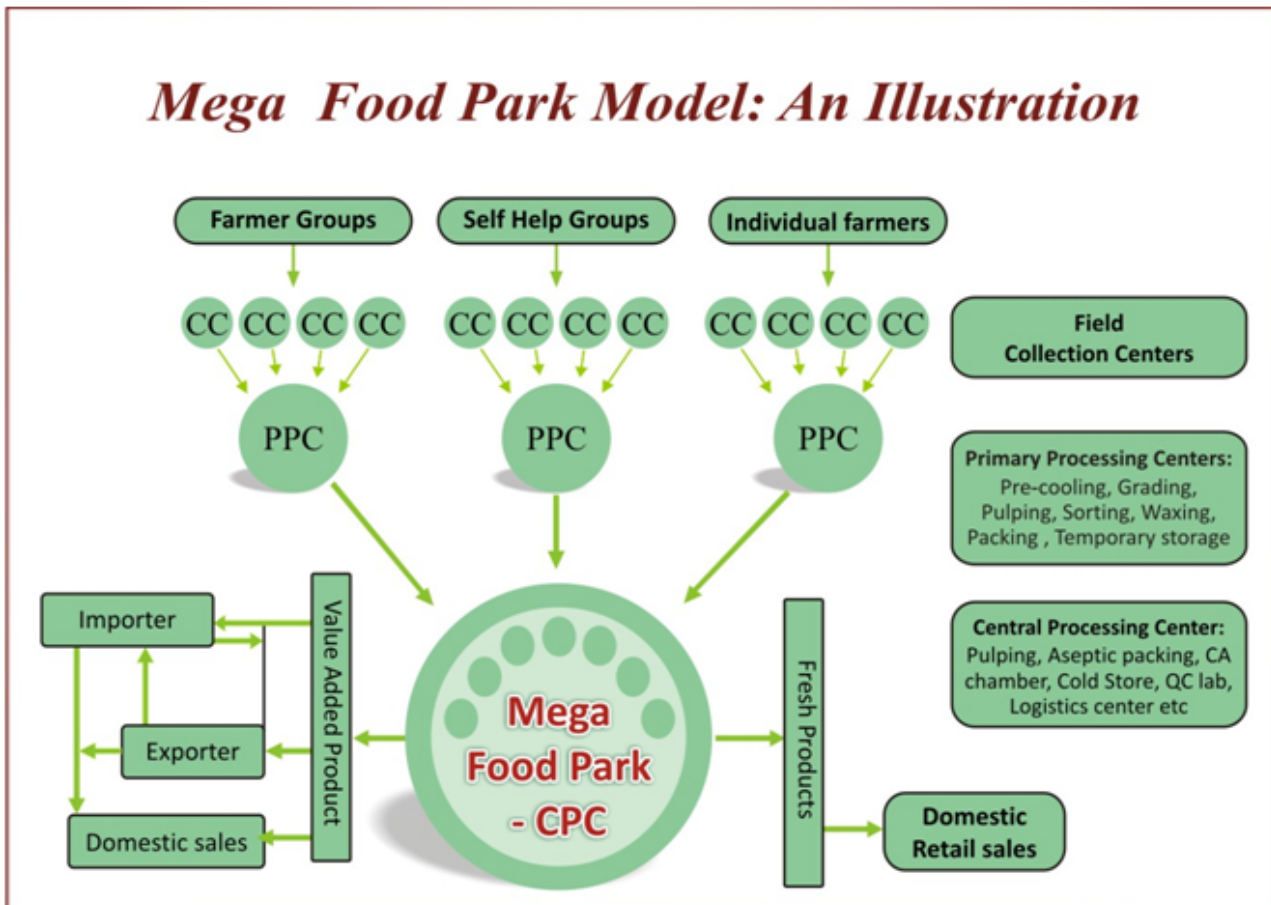
▪ Financial Assistance:

- The **central government provides financial assistance upto Rs. 50 Crore** per Mega Food Park (MFP) project.
- The MFP project is **implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)** which is a Body Corporate registered under the [Companies Act, 2013](#).

- SPV is a subsidiary company that is formed to **undertake a specific business purpose or activity.**

▪ **Present Status:**

- Presently, **22 Mega Food Parks are operational.** It is in line with the '[Make in India](#)' and '[Atma Nirbhar Bharat](#)' vision of the Government of India.



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