

Zoram Mega Food Park, Mizoram

Zoram Mega Food Park is an integrated project which provides infrastructure and services for food processing across the value chain to maximize value addition and minimize wastage.

On July 20, 2020, the Union Minister of Food Processing Industries in the Government of India, Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal, inaugurated the Zoram Mega Food Park Ltd at Kolasib in Mizoram. It is the first of its kind in Mizoram and aims at nurturing a sustainable food processing industry in the north-eastern state.

About Zoram MFP

- Zoram Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) promoted by Mizo entrepreneurs to establish a food Park at Khamrang under the Mega Food Parks Scheme (MFPS) of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India
- The Food Park is located in Khamrang village in Kolasib District, Mizoram
- It is spread over 55 Acres of land
- The MFP is built at a cost of Rs 75 crore
- It is expected to directly benefit over 25,000 farmers and will provide employment opportunities to over 5,000 people in the region
- The project has been made operational and is built in line with the Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar Bharat Campaign
- It is located near National Highway 54 and will help in overcoming the transportation constraints and is expected to become a major milestone for the storage and processing of a high variety of foods, spices, fruits and vegetables grown in the region
- The project is expected to benefit people not just from Mizoram but also the people residing in adjoining districts of Assam

About Mega Food Park Scheme

The Scheme of Mega Food Park aims at providing 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.

The Mega Food Park project is implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) which is a Body Corporate registered under the Companies Act.

The central government provides financial assistance up to Rs. 50 Crore per Mega Food Park (MFP) project. A total of 41 Mega Food Parks are funded under the scheme. Of these, 22 MFPs are operational (as of May 2021).

Objectives of Zoram Mega Food Park

- The project aims to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers and value for money for the consumers by providing requisite channels for forwarding linkages so as to minimize the length of the supply chain, eliminate middlemen and reduce risk.
- The Zoram MFP, Mizoram also aims to stimulate direct and indirect income generation in the food processing and its ancillary sectors in the state.
- It is also a platform for establishment and growth for entrepreneurs in the Food Processing sector in Mizoram.

Significance of the Zoram Mega Food Park, Mizoram

- The Zoram Mega Food Park (MFP) will provide direct and indirect employment to 5,000 persons and benefit about 25,000 farmers in the CPC (Core Processing Centre) and PPC (primary processing Centre) catchment areas.
- It is also expected that the Park will leverage an additional investment of about Rs. 250 Crore in about 30 food processing units which would eventually lead to a turnover of about Rs. 450-500 Crores annually.
- It will boost the North-East Region's potential to become the organic destination of the world due to its rich agricultural and horticultural produce.