

KINFRA MEGA FOOD PARK NEARING COMPLETION

The work of the KINFRA Mega Food Park at Kanjikkode in Palakkad, which was approved by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Govt. of India, is progressing fast towards completion. The Park situated on 79.42 acres is being built in accordance with the Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS).

Under the project, KINFRA has undertaken site development works, including construction of roads, drainage, water and electricity supply facilities etc. Besides the basic facilities (basic enabling infrastructure), KINFRA is also constructing common facilities that are specifically designed for the food processing sector called the 'core facilities or core processing infrastructure'. The core facilities provided at the Central Processing Centre (CPC) of the Park include Cold Storage, Ripening Chamber, Raw Material Warehouse, Finished Product Warehouse, Silo, Pack House, Ripening Chamber, Spice Processing Facility and Quality Control Laboratory.

In addition to the Central Processing Centre, KINFRA has undertaken the setting up of four Primary Processing Centres (PPCs) at Mazhuvannoor, Koratty, Kakancherry and Kalpetta, in line with



the requirements of Mega Food Park Scheme. The core facilities required for pre-processing at the identified PPCs include Pack Houses (with facilities for sorting, grading and packing), Ripening Chamber, Dry Warehouse etc.

The Govt. of Kerala had released Rs. 6 crore towards promoters' contribution. The Govt. of India had released Rs. 28.81 crore as grant-in-aid. NABARD had released Rs. 22.67 crore as instalments of term loan from the Food Processing Fund. It is estimated that the Park would employ about 1500 people directly and 5000 people indirectly.

The work of project components such as compound wall, drainage system, electrification, water supply facilities, standard design factory

building, administrative complex building, warehouses etc. have been completed. The construction and erection works of core processing facilities at CPC and PPCs are fast progressing.

The allotment of land for setting up food processing units has already commenced. The construction activities of the first few units are also progressing.

The food processing units coming up at KINFRA Mega Food Park are eligible for availing grant-in-aid under the Scheme for Creation/Expansion of Food Processing Preservation Capacities (a scheme under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana of Govt. of India). The maximum limit of assistance under the scheme is Rs. 5 crore. The units are also eligible for availing concessional lending from NABARD under the Food Processing Fund.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries has sanctioned a financial aid of Rs. 50 crore for the Food Park. The total cost of the project is Rs. 119.02 crore.



KINFRA PARKS UNDERTAKE 'SWACHHATA HI SEVA' PROGRAMMES

As part of the Central Government's 'Swachhata Hi Seva' programme, the employees from all KINFRA Parks were engaged in cleaning activities from September 15 to October 2 at their respective Parks.



KINFRA KORATTY DONATES RS. 3 LAKH TO CMDRF

The Manufacturers' Association at KINFRA Park, Koratty has donated a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs to Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF). The sum was handed over to B D Devassy, MLA, Chalakudy at a function held at the KINFRA office recently.

Kumari Balan, Panchayath President, Koratty distributed financial aid to the employees of different units at KINFRA Park in Koratty. Kits were also distributed to the employees of various units at the Park who were affected by flood.

