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Respected Sir,

As per the instructions contained in Cabinet Secretary's ID.No. 601/2/1/2014 (Vol.III)-TS dated 28.04.2016, I am highlighting the following important activities undertaken in this Ministry during the month of May, 2018—

2. Hon'ble Minister, FPI chaired the Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee meeting held on 08.05.2018 to discuss the issues relating to the implementation of Mega Food Parks.

3. Hon'ble Minister, FPI chaired the Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee meeting held on 23.05.2018 and approved eight proposals for setting up of Agro -Processing Clusters under the Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters under the "Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana".

4. Hon'ble Minister, FPI chaired the Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee meeting held on 23.05.2018 to consider the proposals under the Scheme of Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities and approved 8 food processing units in the designated Food Parks.

5. Two Cold Chain projects located in the states of Karnataka and West Bengal have been completed and started commercial operations. As on 31.05.2018, the number of completed Cold Chain projects for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure in the country is 124.

6. Hon'ble Minister, FPI chaired Parliamentary Consultative Committee meeting held on 25.05.2018 at National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) at Kundli (Haryana). The Committee recommended that: -

- a) NIFTEM Mela to be organized every year on Foundation day of NIFTEM
- b) E-learning certificate course in food processing should be initiated
- c) Training at Incubation centre and Food Testing Lab (FTL) for farmers and entrepreneurs.

7. NIFTEM has participated in "Vibrant North East 2018 from "3rd to 5th May, 2018" at Guwahati.

8. IIFPT, Thanjavur has setup a Solar Power Generation Unit, Heat Power Lab, and Knowledge Center's REID System at IIFPT, Thanjavur which were inaugurated by undersigned on 04.05.2018.

9. IIFPT, Thanjavur research initiative on jackfruit waste utilization is ready for commercialization. The technology focuses on making edible plates and wafers from otherwise discarded portions of jackfruit.

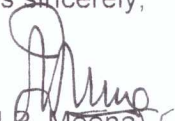
10. During the month of May, 2018, following Foreign Delegations visited Ministry of Food Processing:-

- a) **Visit of Agriculture Minister, Kingdom of Netherlands:** Agriculture Minister, Kingdom of Netherlands met Hon'ble Minister (FPI) at Taj Palace, New Delhi ^{on} 24th May, 2018 and discussed various bilateral issues pertaining to Food Processing Industry.
- b) **Visit of USA delegation to MoFPI (30.05.2018):** A delegation from USA visited MoFPI on 30.05.2018 and had discussion with the undersigned. The meeting was primarily to explore the possibility of having collaboration with Purdue University in Indiana (USA) which has a strong food processing programme with NIFTEM, Kundli, Haryana and programme of Hon'ble Minister, FPI to New York (VS) to attend Fancy Food Show and hold investment meet.

11. Swachhta Pledge was administered in the Ministry on 1-5-2018 to the officers and staff of MoFPI. The Ministry in association with ASSOCHAM organized an Interaction Session on hygienic practices in food products on 31st May, 2018 under Swachhta Action Plan.

with kind regards .

Yours sincerely,


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