

Food processing policy awaiting cabinet approval

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Principal Secretary to Agriculture Department, C Parthasarathi on Friday said that the much-awaited Telangana Food Processing Policy will be unveiled after the Lok Sabha elections.

"We are expecting it to be announced after cabinet's approval which could happen after the elections," Parthasarathi said while speaking at the Agri and Food Processors Conclave held at FTAPPCI on Friday.

He said that the draft policy has been formulated and was pending for cabinet's approval. "We are inducting farmer-friendly, industry-friendly incentives and area specific incentives to push the sector forward to reap the untapped benefits," he said.

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potential of producing rice, cotton, maize, turmeric, chilli, cedgram, sugarcane. However, the state could not fully utilize its potential to export the finished and value-added products to other states and even abroad," he said.

"Since the food processing industry is a seasonal thing, the government is mulling to encourage integrated food processing units than stand-alone players, as the unit should not suffer shutdown during the non-peak months," he said.