

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2472
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2025

OUTCOMES OF PARTNERSHIPS AT WFI, 2025

2472. DR. BHAGWAT KARAD:
SHRI SUBHASH BARALA:

Will the Minister of *FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES* be pleased to state:

- (a) in what manner will the Ministry ensure that the partnerships and collaborations formed at World Food India (WFI) 2025 lead to tangible outcomes post-event;
- (b) the specific measures to be implemented to ensure MSMEs receive effective handholding support before, during, and after WFI 2025;
- (c) in what manner will the event ensure equitable representation of smaller states and less-developed food processing ecosystems; and
- (d) the policy interventions that will be introduced to address industry challenges identified through stakeholder consultations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)

(a): The objective of the World Food India is primarily aimed to showcase the vast investment opportunities available in the India for food processors, technology and equipment manufacturers and suppliers, logistic players, cold chain operators in manufacture and trading of food products. The mega event serves as the biggest congregation of senior government dignitaries, investors, business leaders of major global and domestic food companies and other relevant stakeholders. The event serves as a platform for all relevant stakeholders to explore opportunities and forge mutual collaborations.

(b): Under the Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME), MSMEs are provided support to market their products through fairs and exhibitions including World Food India. The maximum budgetary support is up to ₹1.5 lakh for Metro and A-class cities and ₹0.80 lakh for other cities, for a maximum of 60 micro and small enterprises in a trade fair/exhibition. This budgetary support covers space charges as well as contingency expenses, including travel, publicity, and freight. In addition, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, through its Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, supports MSMEs in the food processing sector by providing financial assistance and capacity building.

(c): Ministry of Food processing Industries (MoFPI) works closely with the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) to facilitate the participation of North-Eastern States, enabling them to highlight their distinct food processing potential. All State/UTs as well as

relevant Central Government Ministries / Departments like Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare; Department of Fisheries, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Rural Development are approached for their active participation while ensuring participation from across the country.

(d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) remains proactive in continuously assessing and understanding the evolving needs and priorities of the industry and addresses industry concerns through regular Inter Ministerial / Advisory Committee meetings, sub-sectoral industry interactions, regional industry meets etc. that focus on specific industry challenges.
