

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDIA PLANT-BASED FOODS SHOW 2025

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

- (a) the steps Government is taking to create clear and supportive regulations for plant-based food innovation;
- (b) the manner in which the event, India Plant-Based Food Show, 2025, ensure that plant-based food startups gain access to both domestic and international markets;
- (c) the mechanisms that will measure the event's contribution to sustainability and India's net-zero emissions goal; and
- (d) in what manner Government will support MSMEs in transitioning to or expanding into the plant-based food sector?

ANSWER

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

(a): In order to promote and ensure overall development of Food Processing Industries including those handling plant based food products, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing setting up/expansion of related infrastructure through its Central Sector schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) Scheme, Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally Sponsored – Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme across the country. These schemes are not region or state specific but demand driven.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the administration of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India had notified regulations on Food Safety and Standards (Approval of non-specified food and food ingredients) Regulations, 2017 for such foods for which standards have not been specified.

Further, FSSAI also notified the Food safety and Standards (Food or Health supplements, Nutraceuticals, Foods for special dietary uses, Foods for medical purposes, Functional foods and Novel foods) Regulations, 2016. A larger number of products, that would have otherwise required specific approvals from Food Authority, got covered.

(b) & (c): MoFPI has been organizing, co-sponsoring, participating in seminars, workshops, fairs and exhibitions for food processing sector to encourage investment and to create awareness of the schemes being implemented by the Ministry.

MoFPI extended Logo support and financial assistance to M/s Plant Based Foods Industry Association (PBFIA) for organizing Plant Based Food Show, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. As per information provided by PBFIA, the India Plant Based Foods Show 2025 played a pivotal role in facilitating market access for plant-based food startups by fostering industry collaboration, government support, and global engagement.

In addition, MoFPI is organizing the World Food India (WFI) which serve a premier platform to highlight investment opportunities and advancements in food processing, including plant-based foods. WFI, 2025, scheduled for 25-28 September 2025, will further strengthen its role as a catalyst for the growth of plant-based food industry including startups by facilitating their integration into domestic and international markets.

World Food India 2024 held during 19-22 September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, emphasized sustainable growth and India's net-zero emission target through its key focus pillars: "Minimum Waste, Maximum Value" and sustainable packaging in food processing industries. These pillars aimed to promote resource efficiency, waste reduction, and environmentally friendly packaging solutions across the sector.

In addition, Ministry supports renewable source of energy viz. Solar, Bio-mass, Wind, etc. for the project in the schemes to achieve the target of India's net-zero emission.

(d): Ministry extends financial support to prospective entrepreneurs for setting up of different kinds of food processing industries including plant based food products, as per respective scheme guidelines. Entrepreneurs in the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector manufacturing plant based food products will also be incentivized under the schemes of MoFPI.
