

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1516
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ORGANISING REGIONAL WORLD FOOD INDIA EVENTS

1516. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has recently announced the organisation of Regional World Food India events during the financial year 2026–27 to promote investments and exports in the food processing sector;
- (b) the criteria adopted for selecting the host States and locations for these regional events;
- (c) whether Government proposes to organise such an event in Tamil Nadu, considering its significant contribution to agriculture, marine products and food processing, particularly in the Cauvery Delta region; and
- (d) the details of the incentives, investment commitments and business opportunities expected to be generated through these events?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) organised four editions of World Food India (WFI) during years 2017, 2023, 2024 & 2025 as a flagship international platform to promote India's food processing sector, facilitate investments, encourage innovation, enhance exports, and strengthen global partnerships. The fourth edition of World Food India organised during 25-28 September, 2025 at New Delhi witnessed participation of wide spectrum of domestic and overseas stakeholders. It included participation of 1725 exhibitors, 145 international exhibitors, 115 countries, 13 international delegations including 7 Ministerial delegations, 23 exhibiting countries, over 28000 B2B (Business to Business)/ B2G (Business to Government) meetings, 12 G2G (Government to Government) meetings, over 95000 visitors, 104 corporate leaders, 20 Union Ministries/ Departments and associate organizations, 25 States / Union Territories, 168 Diplomats, 206 Speakers, 1000+ international buyers etc. Further, a Reverse Buyer Seller Meet (RBSM) was organised through Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in which 640 international buyers representing 74 countries participated. Also, 3rd Global Food Regulators Summit 2025, 24th India International Seafood Show, Madhu Mandapam, Incredible Chef Challenge were held as parallel events. WFI 2025 facilitated the signing of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) worth more than ₹1,02,000 crore, representing one of the largest-ever investment commitments in the Indian food processing sector. Saudi Arabia, New Zealand were the Partner Countries and Japan, Russia, UAE & Vietnam were the Focus Countries of the Event.

To further deepen regional outreach and to promote state-specific strengths, MoFPI had considered organising four Regional Editions of World Food India during financial year-2026-27 across different regions of the country, however, the proposal has been dropped due to administrative reasons.
