

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1467
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2025

WORLD FOOD INDIA-2024

1467. SHRI JASHUBHAI BHILUBHAI RATHVA:

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

- (a) the details of the World Food India-2024 event and innovations showcased; and
- (b) whether the said event would be helpful in attracting investment/investors in food processing and allied sectors and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) organized the 'World Food India 2024' from 19–22 September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Key components of the event were - Exhibition, Conferences & Knowledge Sessions, Reverse Buyer Seller Meet, High level industry roundtable, Startup Grand Challenge and specific pavilion segments focused on Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy & Value-added dairy product, Machinery and packaging, Ready to Eat/Ready to Cook, Technology and Innovations, Pet Food products etc. The event featured the inauguration of food processing units at 67 locations, backed by investments totaling Rs.5,135 crores under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI) and the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). Further, Credit linked support was provided to 25,000 beneficiaries for micro projects worth Rs.2,351 crores, alongside Rs.245 crores in seed capital sanctioned for 70,000 Self-Help Group (SHG) members under the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme. Event was supported by 09 Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, 8 associate bodies, and 26 States/UTs.

The event featured a remarkable turnout of 1557 exhibitors, 20 country pavilions, and notable participation from 809 buyers from 108 countries and 2390 foreign delegates, culminating in over 18,000 reverse buyer-seller meetings. 16 international delegations, including 06 Ministerial delegations, participated in the event. A high-level industry roundtable discussion was convened on 19th September 2024. The primary objective of this roundtable was to

facilitate a strategic dialogue between prominent industry leaders in the agri-food sector and senior government officials. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) organized Global Food Regulators Summit (GFRS)-2024 as a part of World Food India-2024.

The Technology Pavilion at World Food India 2024 showcased cutting-edge food processing innovations, which include:

- i. Live Demo of Nutritional Quality of Processed Food
- ii. Showcase of innovative Cold Chain Monitoring systems leveraging cutting edge Internet of Things (IoT) technology to ensure products remain within their required temperature ranges throughout transit
- iii. Demo model of Biomass Boiler, which utilizes stable pallets as a renewable energy source
- iv. Modified Atmospheric Packaging (MAP) using interactive screen
- v. Smart Packaging Display with Colour Changing Inks
- vi. Display of hydroponics through 3D Model

(b): World Food India serves as a global platform to showcase India's immense potential in the food processing sector, highlighting policy support, infrastructure, and emerging opportunities. The event brings together global and domestic investors, food processors, technology providers, and policymakers to facilitate partnerships and collaborations. Through dedicated sessions on investment opportunities, live demonstrations of innovative technologies, and exhibitions of India's flagship schemes such as PLISFPI, PMKSY, and PMFME, WFI 2024 promoted India as a preferred investment destination. The event also focuses on sustainability, value addition, and export-oriented growth, further positioning India as a global hub for food processing. This comprehensive approach is designed to attract investments, enhance technology transfer, and foster job creation in the sector.
