

World Food India Programme

†3898. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's food processing sector, which was worth ₹24,665 billion in 2018, has the potential to touch ₹50,000 billion by 2024, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of preparations by Government for organizing World Food India Programme from 1 to 4 November, 2019 to increase the investment in food processing sector; and

(c) the details of the countries which are expected to participate in this event and the targeted value of business/MoU therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI): (a) Food Processing Industries has immense potential in the country as India has huge diversified production base and low level of processing. As per the latest data released by National Accounts Division, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the value of output from Food Processing Industries in India was estimated at ₹ 11.61 lakh crore at current prices in 2016-17 and the gross value added (GVA) by food processing industries was ₹2.49 lakh crore at current prices in 2017-18.

(b) and (c) For World Food India 2019 (WFI 2019) programme, the venue has been finalised and the Event Partner and Knowledge Partner have been selected. Engagement to ensure country participation is ongoing and many commitments are in the pipeline. The first WFI in 2017 attracted investment intent of about USD 13.56 billion from domestic and foreign investors. However, no specific targeted value of business/MoU has been set for WFI 2019.

Food processing industries in Kerala

3899. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing industries running in the State of Kerala, location-wise;

(b) the nature of processing being done in such industries; and

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