

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MEETING OF WAF
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that the World Agriculture Forum (WAF) proposes to hold a meeting to discuss ways and means to make farming economically viable in the WTO era in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the role of the Union Government in holding the proposed meeting?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): According to the information received from Government of Andhra Pradesh, World Agriculture Forum is organising a Congress and Agri-Tech Fair in Hyderabad.

(b): World Agriculture Forum (WAF) conducts their Biennial Congress at different places. In response to invitation extended by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, WAF has decided to hold their next Biennial Congress for the year 2013 at Hyderabad from 04-07 November, 2013. As per the State Government, WAF is a policy neutral and not for profit international Non-Government Organization based in the USA. According to the details available on their website www.worlddagforum.com, the Conference is on the theme Reshaping Agriculture for a Sustainable Future. The Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh is the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee.

(c): None so far.