

## MINISTER FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES HOLDS BILATERAL MEETING WITH GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MATO GROSSO OF BRAZIL

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Shri Paras inquired about the status of agri food production in Brazil in accordance with the Agro-climatic in general and in specific to the state of Mato Grosso. Brazil officials expressed their interest in expanding their export of Soybean, Corn, Cotton, poultry meat etc. to India in the near future.

Both sides acknowledged the strategic importance of each other to foster food security. India as one of the largest producer of Agri Food and Brazil as one the largest exporter of food can work towards ensuring food security for the world. Brazilian side highlighted that the bi-lateral trade between the two countries has expanded by 32% to US\$15.2 billion in 2022.

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