

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT-CUM-EXHIBITION
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 2nd International Summit-cum-Exhibition on Processed Food Agribusiness and Beverages held in New Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the outcome of the summit ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): 2nd International Summit-cum-Exhibition on Processed Food Agribusiness and Beverages was organised by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), New Delhi in New Delhi at Hotel Shangri-La on 15th and 16th September 2010. This was organised for taking initiatives to strengthen Investments & Business opportunities in Food Processing, Agribusiness & Beverages Sectors. Delegates representing Indian corporate sector and concerned Departments from Central and State governments participated in the above summit. There were domestic as well as international exhibitors from the food processing and allied sectors. Ministry of Food Processing Industries supported the event with the permission for using its "logo" in information & promotional material of the event without any financial commitment on the part of the Ministry.

(c): As informed by ASSOCHAM; the organizers of the event, a set of recommendations could be derived from the deliberations of the speakers and participants of the summit. These recommendations intend to help all stakeholders including policy makers in formulation of a strategic blue print for making India a very important international hub for processed food Agribusiness and Beverages Industries. The recommendations relate to the following issues: -

- i) Comprehensive National Level Food Processing Policy.
- ii) Adherence to International Quality and Safety Standard.
- iii) Competence Mapping and Focused Skill Development.
- iv) Technology Adoption.
- v) Food Processing Industry should be recognized as Hi-Tech Industry.
- vi) Establishment of Model Agro-Processing Centres.
- vii) Harmonization of Taxes and Implementation of GST.
- viii) Institutional Finance & Incentives.
- ix) Institutional and Industry Linkages.
- x) Concentration on Infrastructure Development
- xi) Support for Nutritional Products
- xii) Developing Seamless Retail Supply Chains
- xiii) Innovative Strategies for Diversified Market Access
- xiv) Agro & Food Tourism
- xv) Strengthening the Beverages Sector

xvi) Export Promotion