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By A Business Reporter

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Desai further said he expects Thailand's support for value addition in the textile sector. Maharashtra has set up a dedicated textile park and nine more are in the process of being developed. "My dream is to see majority of garments in the world market to be labeled as 'Made in India' products."

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Subhash Desai

Maha, Thailand camaraderie

Mumbai: State industry minister, Subhash Desai, on Friday expressed that as Maharashtra and Thailand have good relations both the countries should increase mutual cooperation in future to increase investment in small and medium enterprises sector. The General Council of Thailand and the delegation of entrepreneurs are on India tour and on Thursday delegation officials had discussion on the small and medium enterprises at World Trade Center in Mumbai. At the time the council general Ekapol Poolpita, deputy general Dr. Vimonkorn Kosmas, chief of World Trade Center Vijay Kalantri and others were present. The Thailand delegation gave a presentation on food processing and packaging. It is said that there is a huge opportunity for the industry to grow in Maharashtra. Thailand has a significant share in the growth of small and medium enterprises. Meanwhile, Maharashtra was invited for the trade fair this year in Thailand.



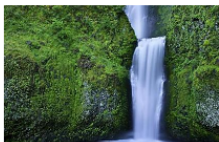
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Seeking Thailand's support for value addition in the textiles sector, he said, "Maharashtra has set up a dedicated textile park and nine more are in the process of being developed. We hope to see majority of garments in the world market to be labelled as 'Made in India' products." Desai informed the delegation that the state accounts for 15 per cent of the country's GDP, more than 40 per cent of exports and attracted 50 per cent

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Dr. Kosumas also highlighted the success of Thailand's export-promotion programme OTOP (One Tambon One Product) and expressed willingness to share this experience with India. Thailand ranks 11th in the world in attracting tourists and the country is also a leading exporter of lifestyle design products.

India-Thailand relationship is driven by tourism and entertainment industries. Indian movies and televisions shows such as Mahabharata are popular among Thai households, she added.

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The round table discussion was attended by government officials of Maharashtra and business delegates of food processing and packaging industries in Thailand and India.

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(From Left to Right) Mr. Y.R. Warkerkar, Executive Director, MVIRDC World Trade Centre Mumbai, Mr. Ekapol Poolpipat, Consul General, Royal Thai Consulate-General, Mumbai, Mr. Subhash Desai, Hon'ble Minister for Industries and Mining, Government of Maharashtra, Dr. Wimonkarn Kosumas, Deputy Director General, Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion of Thailand, Mr. Vijay Kalantri, Vice Chairman, MVIRDC World Trade Centre Mumbai and President All India Association of Industries.

दूध प्रक्रियेसाठी थायलंडचे सहकार्य

■ उद्योगमंत्री सुभाष देसाई यांनी केली शिष्टमंडळाशी चर्चा

मुंबई : प्रतिनिधी

दुधावरील प्रक्रिया उद्योग वाढवण्याचे राज्य सरकारचे प्रयत्न सुरू असून यासाठी थायलंडने सहकार्य घेण्यात येणार असल्याचे उद्योगमंत्री सुभाष देसाई यांनी सांगितले. थायलंड येथील जनरल कौन्सिल तसेच उद्योजकांचे शिष्टमंडळ भारताच्या दौऱ्यावर आले. या शिष्टमंडळाच्या पदाधिकाऱ्यांनी वर्ड ट्रेड सेंटर येथे उद्योगमंत्री सुभाष देसाई यांच्या उपस्थितीत लघु व मध्यम उद्योगावर चर्चा केली. कौन्सिल जनरल एकापोल पूलपिटा, डॉ. विमोनकोर्न कोसमस, वर्ड ट्रेड सेंटरचे प्रमुख विजय कलंत्री आदी उपस्थित होते.

अन्न प्रक्रिया आणि पॅकेजिंग विषयावर थायलंडच्या शिष्टमंडळाने



सादरीकरण केले. छोटे व मध्यम उद्योग वाढीत थायलंडचा मोलाचा वाटा आहे. भविष्यात या क्षेत्रात दोन्ही देशांनी काम करण्याची तयारी दर्शवली. राज्य शासन या क्षेत्राला चालना देत असून या क्षेत्रासाठी विशेष धोरण राबवले जात आहे. देशातून होणाऱ्या निर्यातीत पैकी ३० टक्के निर्यात राज्यातून होते. तर ५० टक्के रोजगार हा लघु व मध्यम उद्योगांमधून तयार होतो. लघु व मध्यम उद्योग क्षेत्रामध्ये गुंतवणूक

वाढवण्यासाठी महाराष्ट्र आणि थायलंडने परस्पर सहकार्य वाढवावे, असे मत उद्योगमंत्री देसाई यांनी व्यक्त केले.

महाराष्ट्रात कापसाचे मोठ्या प्रमाणात उत्पादन घेतले जाते. त्यापासून दर्जेदार कापड करण्यासाठी राज्य सरकारने विविध ठिकाणी नऊ टेक्सटाइल पार्क उभारण्याचा निर्णय घेतला आहे. काही ठिकाणी हे पार्क सुरू झाले आहेत. आय टी क्षेत्रातही राज्याचे काम उल्लेखनीय असल्याचे ते म्हणाले. थायलंड आणि भारत यांच्यातील परस्पर संबंधासोबत उद्योग क्षेत्रात गुंतवणूक वाढवण्याच्या दृष्टीने प्रयत्न होणे गरजेचे असून थायलंड येथे होणाऱ्या ट्रेड फेअरमध्ये महाराष्ट्र सहभागी होईल, असे त्यांनी सांगितले.

अन्न, डेअरी प्रक्रिया आणि एसएमई क्षेत्रात

महाराष्ट्राला थायलंडचा पाठिंबा

■ मुंबई : महाराष्ट्र लाखो टन दुधाचे उत्पादन करतो; पण डेअरी क्षेत्रात अपुरी प्रक्रिया सुविधा आहे. राज्यात विविध प्रकारचे पीक तयार करण्यासाठी अनुकूल हवामान आहे. शेतकरी मोठ्या प्रमाणात संशोधन आणि विकासाने उच्च दर्जाचे अन्नधान्य पिके तयार करत आहेत. आम्ही या अन्नपदार्थांच्या दुय्यम प्रक्रियेत थायलंडची भागीदारी पाहतो, ज्यात संरक्षण, प्रक्रिया, पॅकेजिंग आणि निर्यातीचा समावेश आहे, असे मत उद्योगमंत्री सुभाष देसाई यांनी व्यक्त केले.

वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर मुंबईत



थायलंडच्या व्यावसायिक शिष्टमंडळासह आयोजित करण्यात आलेल्या एसएमईवर राऊंड टेबल चर्चासत्रात सुभाष देसाई बोलत होते. ते पुढे म्हणाले की, लघु आणि मध्यम उद्योगांना (एसएमई) उच्चपातळीवर वाढवण्यासाठी थायलंड आणि महाराष्ट्र एकत्र काम करू शकतात. थायलंड

आणि महाराष्ट्रातील एसएमई फूड प्रोसेसिंग, डेअरी, कापड व माहिती तंत्रज्ञान क्षेत्रातील संयुक्त सहकार्य शोधू शकतात. वस्त्रोद्योग क्षेत्रातील मूल्यवर्धितकरिता थायलंडची मदत अपेक्षित आहे. महाराष्ट्राने एक समर्पित टेक्सटाईल पार्क उभारला आहे आणि नऊ आणखी विकसित होण्याच्या प्रक्रियेत आहेत. जागतिक बाजारपेठेत बहुतेक कपडे 'मेड इन इंडिया' असे संबोधले जाण्याचे माझे स्वप्न आहे, असेही देसाई म्हणाले. या वेळी थायलंडचे उपमहासंचालक, लघु आणि मध्यम उद्योगांचे प्रवर्तक डॉ.

विमोकर कोसुमास यांनी द्विपक्षीय संबंध दृढ करण्यासाठी चार सुत्रीचा कार्यक्रम आखला. तसेच मुंबईचे रॉयल थाई कॉन्सुलेट जनरल कॉन्सल जनरल एकोपॉल पोलीपिपट, एमव्हीआयआरडीसी वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर मुंबईचे उपाध्यक्ष आणि ऑल इंडिया असोसिएशन ऑफ इंडस्ट्रीजचे अध्यक्ष विजय कलंत्री आदी उपस्थित होते. तसेच राऊंड टेबल चर्चेत महाराष्ट्रातील सरकारी अधिकाऱ्यांनी आणि थायलंड व भारतातील फूड प्रोसेसिंग व पॅकेजिंग उद्योगांचे व्यापार प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित होते.



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He said Maharashtra produces millions of tonnes of milk but there is inadequate processing in the dairy sector.

Maharashtra has diverse climatic conditions favourable for producing a large variety of crops.

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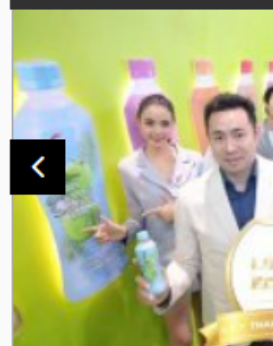
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