

ABSTRACT OF PRESENTATIONS

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SESSION 1: Agriculture Food Processing and Handicrafts: Trends and prospects

10.15-10.35 Theme1: Agriculture and Processed Foods: Fruits, Vegetables and Floriculture: Production and Specialisation- Manoj Pant Prof. JNU &Secy. AEDR

“It is argued that with its limited labour force and limited arable land due to terrain or natural causes, the NER needs to move out of its present dependence on subsistence agricultural production if it wants to increase the percapita income of the population which is largely dependent on agriculture. This indicates that it must move into higher valued added production of processed horticulture and floriculture products. Examining the trends in production in the NER, the paper argues that there seems to be some move towards specialisation but this is limited probably because of issues like connectivity and uncertainties about the markets. Here the private sector has a crucial role to play and the lack of a vibrant supply chain from farm to the market is probably another cause for limited specialization.”