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Secretary General

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**Sub: Invitation for participation in "Stakeholders Consultation Meeting Cum Exhibition on Science, Technology & Innovation in Agriculture" on September 01, 2017 at Malviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur, Rajasthan.**

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor,

Greetings from ASSOCHAM!!

In recent years the agriculture sector has been facing numerous challenges. Even as the country has made large strides in increasing food production and achieving food security, the sector remains constrained by low productivity, excessive dependence on monsoon and weather conditions, continuing fragmentation of land and preponderance of fragmented markets.

India has a vast network for developing technologies for agricultural and allied sectors. The research institutions spread vastly among the various Ministries in the central government, state government institutions and private sector. Learning from each other among the stakeholders and providing focus to the new generation technologies in agriculture has always remain a challenge. In this context private sector is emerging as an important player in erecting and supporting research and development in all spheres of agriculture, be it input related technologies, on farm technologies or post-harvest technologies. An inclusive and resourceful agriculture segment can be created if the government authorities equip farmers to partner with emerging startups.

In accordance with the same, DST in association with ASSOCHAM and MNIT is organizing a day long "Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on Science, Technology & Innovation in Agriculture" on September 01, 2017 at Malviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur, Rajasthan. The major objective of this Consultative Meeting is to display technologies while inviting suggestions from the different stakeholders catering Agricultural and allied sectors.

The organizing committee of the Consultative process deeply admires your contribution in pursuing Science & Technology development in the field of agriculture. The program intends to display technologies and poster presentation to bring focus in R&D activities in agriculture. Therefore, on behalf of the organizing committee, **We invite your esteemed institution to participate with us in this conference.**

We look forward to receive positive consideration and support.

Thanks & kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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