



India can help in solving issue of food security : WTO head

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INDIA can play an important role in the coming months in engaging constructively to find a permanent solution to the food security issue at the WTO, the world trade body chief, Roberto Azevedo, said on Friday.

Speaking at the CII's partnership summit here, Azevedo who is the Director General of WTO, also said the member countries should implement the trade facilitation agreement on time as it would help in reducing cost of commerce and boosting exports.

"Members now have to work constructively together towards finding a permanent solution on this issue. We have a target date to conclude the negotiations of December this year. So we don't have any time to lose. I look forward to India playing a leading role in this regard in the coming months," he said here.

Speaking on the occasion, commerce minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that trade will have to be inter-wined with development as the emerging economies like India will have to feed millions of poor people. She also said the WTO should ensure that the trade share of developing and LDCs increases in the global commerce from the current low levels.