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**Swarna Bharat Party made a major contribution at the Horasis India Meeting in June 2017**

Mr Sanjeev Sabhlok, a senior leader and the overseas coordinator of Swarna Bharat Party, was a panellist at an India Meeting organised in Interlaken in Switzerland by the global think tank Horasis, on 25 and 26 June 2017.

The conference was attended by senior business leaders from across India and the West. SBP was the only political party from India other than BJP and Congress invited to the conference. That is probably because it is the only party which has a clearly liberal agenda, in contradistinction to the socialist agendas of other parties.

Horasis’s report on the conference notes that Mr Sabhlok “felt that Indian businesses often are ‘running a one­legged race’. In his opinion, ‘a large part of this issue can be attributed to the fact that India’s government is still corrupt and socialist incentives are spread throughout the government.’”

Mr Sabhlok has elaborated on these views in an opinion editorial in the *Times of India* and the *Economic Times* on 12 July 2017. His op-ed provides solutions to most of India’s governance problems which are holding it back to a Third World status. His op-ed also raises concerns about the way the country’s fabric is being torn asunder at the moment and asks government not to interfere in what people eat, wear or speak.

SBP state coordinator of Karnataka, Mr Asif Iqbal, was a keynote speaker at the conference in his professional capacity as President of the Indian Economic Trade Organization. Mr Iqbal hoped that better branding and quality control would boost India’s role in globalization. Mr Iqbal also highlighted the need to adopt learnings from Switzerland in skill development and apprenticeship so that manufacturing industries and employment can get a boost, so that “Make in India” does not remain a slogan. This reform will require the government stepping back, facilitating private enterprise in vocational education, and only supporting the poorest of the poor for their education and apprenticeships.

The Horasis India Meeting report is available at <http://bit.ly/2tP8TRK> and Mr Sabhlok’s *Times of India* opinion editorial is available at <http://bit.ly/2tMQDs1>. SBP has prepared a short video on its contribution at the Horasis conference, at <http://bit.ly/2vgni8O>.

**Notes for Editors**

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