SENSORY CHARACTERISTICS OF FRESH EXTRUDED PEDA

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Abstract: The traditional dairy products carry value in the indian society as they are nutritious and have become the invitable part of feasts, celebrations, festivals and religious rites. *Peda* is one of the most popular khoa based traditional dairy sweets enjoyed by everyone due to its taste and health aspects. Traditionally, it is prepared by heating a mixture of *khoa* and sugar in a *karahi* (iron pan) with the help of *khunti*until the desired granular, hard texture and flavour develops. Present study was undertaken to investigate the possibilities of inducting extrusion technology for production of acceptable quality *peda*. The extruded *peda* were prepared by introducing product mixes C_0 (70% *khoa*& 30% sugar); C_1 (60% *khoa*, 05% SMP, 05% *ghee*& 30% sugar); C_2 (55% *khoa*, 10% SMP, 05% *ghee*& 30% sugar) and C_3 (50% *khoa*, 15% SMP, 05% *ghee*& 30% sugar) into the extruder system and processed at barrel temperature of 60, 70 & 80°C and screw speed 14, 21 & 28 rpm. Among different set of treatment combinations, product mix C_2 (i.e. 55% *khoa*, 10% SMP, 05% *ghee*& 30% sugar) processed at 80°C barrel temperature and 28 rpm screw speed resulted in most acceptable extruded *peda* in terms of sensory characteristics.

Keywords: Khoa, Peda, Extruded peda, Extrusion technology

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