
Programs Of Armenian Government Are Reflected In Pre-Election Program Of Serge Sargsian, Minister Of Trade And Economic Development Says

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The government's programs are reflected in the pre-election program of the Armenian prime minister, candidate for RA presidency Serge Sargsian and these programs mainly proceed from provisions of the 2008-2012 activities program of the Armenian government, the RA minister of trade and economic development Nerses Yeritsian said on February 13 when presenting the economic section of S. Sargsian's pre-election program at the Club of Economic Journalists.

In the words of N. Yeristian, there are consensual points on Armenia's economic development in the pre-election programs of presidential candidates. Among such consensual points are ideas of knowledge-based economy, small and medium business, proportionate economic development of the country, increasing the competitiveness of the Armenian economy. "If we remove populist provisions from the economic sections of these programs, it will become clear that they have similarities to the pre-election program of S. Sargsian which proves that today's economic policy is on a correct way," the minister remarked.

He compared the process of choosing among the programs of the presidential candidates to the selection of business programs for crediting by a bank when the bank does not examine the program of a businessman without a history if this program does not contain know-how ensuring superprofits.

According to N. Yeritsian, unlike the programs of other candidates, the programs of S. Sargsian and the government have such know-how. Besides, the other candidates "have become absorbed in identification of problems instead of presenting their solutions".

N. Yeritsian said that the economic growth indices envisaged by the prime minister's pre-election program are "conservative" and will be exceeded. In the minister's opinion, people are not afraid of ambitious program, they are afraid that respective decisions will not be made and the implementation of decisions may stop.

>From the viewpoint of implementation of the indicated programs, the minister attached special importance to reforms of state governance system, whose goals are "creation of a competitive business environment in line with international standards, and adoption of corporate management principles by the state governance system".
