RASSUM (HOT AND SPICY SOUP)

Ingredients

3 large tomatoes cooked and peeled, or a 15 oz. can of peeled tomato

3 and ½ cups of water

½ teaspoon black mustard seeds

1/4 teaspoon cumin seeds

1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger

10 fresh curry leaves

1 table spoon butter or ghee

1 and ³/₄ tsp salt or to taste

4 teaspoon sugar

2 table spoon lemon juice

Method

- 1. Puree tomatoes in a blander to make it smooth.
- 2. Heat butter or ghee on medium heat in a saucepan.
- 3. When hot, add mustard seeds and cover the pan, wait until mustard seeds stops popping, add cumin seeds, ginger, curry leaves and immediately pour the tomato puree in the mixture.
- 4. Add water, salt, sugar, and lemon juice; let it simmer on low heat for 10 minutes.
- 5. Serve it hot.

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