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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 770
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2017

MOU WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

770. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has entered into MoU with Armenia, Madagascar and Lithuania so as to improve the agricultural productivity and production and get new technologies for agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the expertise possessed by the above countries in agriculture sector;
- (c) whether there has not been any such MoU with Israel which has pioneered in using limited water and getting more output *i.e.*, more crop per drop since 2011; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Ministry has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with Armenia on 19.02.2016, Madagascar on 29.02.2016 and Lithuania on 19.07.2016 for cooperation in the fields of agriculture and allied sectors. Such cooperation facilitates sharing of experiences and expertise of each country for mutual benefits as well as creation of opportunities for trade in agricultural commodities. India's strategic interests are also served through such partnerships with other countries.

An MoU signed with Israel on 24.12.1993 for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors remains operational till date.
