

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.865**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

**COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL IN FARM SECTOR**

865. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE प्रश्नकर्ता एवं किसान कल्याण के लिए  
be pleased to state:

- whether the Government has recently discussed with Israeli delegation for the bilateral cooperation in farm sector and if so, the details thereof;
- whether Israel has expressed their commitment to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of agriculture and cooperation in allied sectors and if so, the details thereof;
- the level of satisfaction over the progress made in cooperation in the agriculture and allied sectors between the two countries; and
- the steps taken by the Government to further strengthen bilateral relations in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

प्रश्नकर्ता एवं किसान कल्याण के लिए ( SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA )

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Since the signing of an Agreement for cooperation in the field of Agriculture on 24.12.1993, the two sides met frequently and held several discussions. As a result, Phase-I (2010-2012) and Phase-II (2012-2015) of Indo-Israel Action Plan under the Agreement have been successfully completed. The two countries have since extended the Action Plan to Phase – III for the period 2015-2018. Under the Action Plan, 21 participating States are covered for cooperation in the field of energy efficient green houses, recycling of waste water for irrigation, Post Harvest Management for horticulture crops, training and visiting facilities in respective countries and private sector collaboration.

