

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2550
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

MOU WITH ISRAEL

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Israel have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in various sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main features of the said MoU; and
- (d) the details of its likely benefits for India?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (d) During the visit of our Prime Minister to Israel from 4-6 July, 2017, India and Israel signed five MoUs, a 3-year work programme and a Plan of Cooperation covering the areas of water, agriculture, space and science & technology. Details of the MoUs/Work Programme/Plan of Cooperation signed with Israel and its likely benefits for India are as follows:

Sl. No	Name of MoUs	Details	Benefits
1.	MoU between the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy of the State of Israel on National Campaign for Water Conservation in India.	The MoU is aimed to put Water Conservation on the national agenda through a nationwide awareness Campaign and to promote re-use, recharge and recycling of water.	Awareness campaign on water Conservation, re-use, recharge and recycling of water would be helpful in dealing with water scarcity.
2.	MoU between the Government of Uttar Pradesh of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy of the State of Israel on State Water Utility Reform in India	The MoU is aimed at bringing water utility reforms in UP through introduction of new technologies for monitoring and evaluation and to introduce integrated water resources management systems.	By bringing water utility reforms through introduction of new technologies will benefit people through integrated water management system.
3.	India-Israel Development Cooperation Three Year Work Program in Agriculture 2018-2020 between Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel - MASHAV and Ministry of Agriculture and	The work programme is aimed at introducing of New Varieties of crops, Water management Technologies for agriculture, including Water re-use, Improving Post-Harvest Management	Introduction of New Varieties of crops, water management Technologies for agriculture and improving Post-Harvest Management will help in increasing the income of

	Farmers Welfare of the Republic of India	and Developing Post Harvest Management systems (fruit & vegetables).	farmers.
4.	MoU between the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India and the National Technological Innovation Authority of the State of Israel on the India-Israel Industrial R&D and Technological Innovation Fund (I ⁴ F)	The MoU is aimed at setting up India-Israel Industrial R&D and Innovation Fund (I ⁴ F) with a contribution of US\$ 20 million from each side for the development of innovation technologies with a special focus on water, agriculture and energy.	This will play a seminal role in enabling Indian and Israeli enterprises to undertake joint R&D projects leading to development of innovative technologies and products that have potential for commercial application which will enhance the lively hood of people.
5.	MoU between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Israel Space Agency regarding Cooperation in Electric Propulsion for Small Satellite.	It is aimed at collaboration for building Small Satellites.	It will help in greater precision in resource mapping.
6.	MoU between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Israel Space Agency regarding Cooperation in GEO-LEO Optical Link	To develop Optical Communication systems for space applications.	It will enhance the remote-sensing data coverage and will be useful in agriculture and weather forecasting.
7.	Plan of Cooperation Between the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Israel Space Agency regarding Cooperation in Atomic Clocks	To build atomic clocks for space applications.	It will improve the navigation and positioning application system.
