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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3409
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH AUGUST, 2018

COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN AGRICULTURE

3409. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE †ãðŠääÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ"ããè
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with various foreign countries for cooperation in agricultural and phytosanitary issues; and
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features of the latest MoU signed with Italy in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Italy on 06.12.2017 for cooperation in Agriculture and Phytosanitary issues will promote and support cooperation for agricultural production, rural development, forestry, animal breeding, food quality, plant science, fisheries, energy in agriculture, biotechnology, food processing, fruit and vegetable production, agricultural engineering, agricultural cooperatives, marketing distribution and storage.

The MoU allows inter alia the Central Phytosanitary Service of the Italian Republic and the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage of the Republic of India to take appropriate measures to develop bilateral phytosanitary cooperation and prevent the spreading of any quarantine pests or regulated non-quarantine pests between the two countries. MoU also facilitates exchange of information on respective phytosanitary legislation, genetic plant resources, quarantine issues and visits of experts.

