

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 971
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/07/2018

ASEAN-INDIA MEETING ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

971. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has hosted the 4th ASEAN-INDIA Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this will facilitate promotion of joint research for development of technologies and increasing production and productivity of crops, livestock and fisheries and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether joint ventures, exchange of technologies, expertise and material are also envisaged; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam. The 4th ASEAN India Ministerial meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was successfully held on 12th January, 2018, in New Delhi. The meeting was attended by 65 delegates from 10 ASEAN Countries and ASEAN Secretariat. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Radha Mohan Singh the Hon'ble Agriculture & Farmer Welfare Minister. A Joint Press Statement was issued on conclusion of the Meeting.

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. During the meeting the ASEAN Countries agreed to Cooperate with India in the area of crops, livestock, fisheries, and natural resources management, including climate change. A Medium Term Plan of Action on ASEAN-India Cooperation in Agriculture and Forestry (2016-2020) was endorsed for implementation. The Plan of action is to further enhance ASEAN-India Cooperation in the field of Agriculture & Forestry and contribute to the achievement of the vision and priorities of the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity (2016-2020) and the achievement of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the related goals of the UN Zero Hunger Challenge. The Plan of Action on ASEAN-India Cooperation in Agriculture and Forestry (2016-2020) includes research and development of innovative agricultural technologies, experience sharing of best practices, capacity building and enhancing investment in the area of food, agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors.
