

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 317**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**U2I2 CONSORTIUM**

317. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreements with USA, Israel and UAE to form U2I2 consortium to develop agriculture and its allied technology to increase productivity with less usage of water and chemical fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has entered any agreements with USA and Israel to introduce advanced farming techniques in the country and is also sending any team comprising of farmers to Israel for training in farming techniques?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): According to Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has not signed any agreement with USA, Israel and UAE to form I2U2 consortium to develop agriculture and its allied technology. In February, 2023 India signed a letter of intent to join the Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM4C). The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate / AIM4C) is a joint initiative by the United States and the United Arab Emirates. AIM for Climate seeks to address climate change and global hunger by uniting participants to significantly increase investment in, and other support for, climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation. Israel is also a member of AIM4C among other countries.

(c) India and Israel signed the Agreement for Agricultural Cooperation in 1993 under which cooperation activities are implemented through bilateral three-year action plans. So far, 5 three-year action plans have been formalized between India and Israel resulting in the establishment of operational Centers of Excellence (COEs) across India in 13 states. These CoEs serve as demonstration and training centers for the latest technologies in the field of horticulture. implementing Israeli farming and agro-technologies tailored to local conditions. Separately, from time to time, various state governments have undertaken initiatives to lead farmer delegations to Israel as part of educational and capacity-building activities.

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