

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1904
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MARCH, 2020

MoU WITH BRAZIL

1904. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Brazil in the field of agriculture, if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (b) whether both the countries have identified the priority areas for cooperation in the field of agriculture, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to be beneficial to the country and the time by which it will be implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and Brazil in April, 2008 to strengthen and expand cooperation relating to agriculture and allied sectors covering, inter alia, areas such as research and development, production, production technologies and equipment, financing and micro-credit system for small farmers, post harvest management, animal husbandry, dairying, aquaculture and fisheries, agro and food processing etc.

MoU mechanism envisages setting up of Joint India Brazil Working Group comprising of members from both the countries which shall meet periodically for taking forward the cooperation in the identified areas.

(b): During Joint Working Group Meeting held on 17.1.2020, Brazil expressed interest in sharing of knowledge and experience about agri policies and strategies for agri products especially for small holder farmers, public policies for fisheries and aquaculture; agri innovations and public policies for dissemination of technology for agri sector, India's programme on agri credit and farm insurance, sharing of genetic resources for livestock and agri-commodities, bamboo value chain and bio fuels, farm mechanization etc.

India expressed interest in the sharing of genetic resources from Brazil in crops and pulses, pheromone technology, promotion of bamboo crops and bamboo products, climate resilient agriculture, widening of the collaboration in research etc.

(c): The mutual cooperation between the two countries would strengthen & develop the agriculture and allied sector in the two countries through promotion of trade of agricultural products, sharing of technology and best practices, promotion of investment etc. This is an ongoing process
