

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4596
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD MARCH, 2021

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE

4596. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with other countries for cooperation in agriculture and its allied sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the investment in agriculture sector is likely to increase in the country due to the said agreements; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has signed 83 MoUs/Agreements with other countries for cooperation in Agriculture and allied sectors till date. A list of these MoUs/Agreements are annexed.

(c) to (d) : The benefits that accrue as a result of such MoUs/Agreements are in the nature of discussions on Market access issues, capacity building, knowledge exchange through visits of scientists and technicians, exchange of genetic resources, etc. that aid in development of appropriate technologies and farm practices for enhancing agriculture productivity at farmers' field. Such bilateral forums also facilitate creation of new opportunities for trade in agricultural commodities and B2B potential also. India's strategic interests are also served through partnerships with other countries.

List of MoUs/Agreements signed by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors:

A : Signed by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare :-

No of Countries	Sl. No. of MoUs	Name of the country	Year in which signed
Africa			
1	1	Tanzania	16.12.2002
2	2	Zambia	21.04.2003
3	3	Mozambique	12.05.2003
4	4	Sudan	02.06.2006
5	5	Uganda	30.05.2007
6	6	Rwanda	31.05.2007
7	7	Malawi	08.01.2010
8	8	Botswana	09.01.2010
9	9	South Africa	04.06.2010
10	10	Madagascar	29.02.2016
11	11	Kenya	11.01.2017
Asia			
12	12	Nepal	06.12.1991
13	13	Israel	24.12.1993
14	14	Mongolia	16.09.1996
15	15	Oman	05.10.1996
16	16	Yemen	07.12.1996
17	17	Lao PDR	02.05.1997
18	18	Myanmar	25.04.1998
19	19	Bangladesh	22.01.2000
20	20	Cambodia	18.02.2000
21	21	Thailand	09.10.2003
22	22	Syria	15.11.2003
23	23	Bhutan	25.01.2005
24	24	China	28.03.2006
25	25	Jordan	01.12.2006
26	26	Indonesia	01.12.2008
27	27	Tajikistan	07.10.2010

28	28	Afghanistan	14.02.2011
29	29	Kazakhstan	16.04.2011
30	30	Sri Lanka	17.01.2012
Not as country	31	ITA in Taiwan and TECC in India	12.09.2016
31	32	Japan	11.11.2016
32	33	Kyrgyzstan	20.12.2016
33	34	UAE	25.01.2017
34	35	Palestine	16.05.2017
35	36	Philippines	13.11.2017
36	37	Iran	17.02.2018
37	38	Uzbekistan	01.10.2018
38	39	Maldives	17.12.2018
Europe			
39	40	Netherlands	27.09.1990
40	41	Cyprus	26.03.1992
41	42	Turkey	31.03.2000
42	43	Russia	03.10.2000
43	44	Greece	05.02.2001
44	45	Croatia	13.11.2002
45	46	France	04.11.2003
46	47	Romania	31.01.2004
47	48	Belarus	16.04.2007
48	49	Italy	06.12.2017
49	50	Hungary	18.01.2008
50	51	Germany (declaration)	12.11.2008
51	52	Serbia	03.03.2009
52	53	Spain	23.04.2009
53	54	Austria	13.09.2010
54	55	Armenia	19.02.2016
55	56	Lithuania	19.07.2016
56	57	Portugal	06.01.2017
57	58	Poland	27.04.2017
North America			
58	59	Canada	13.01.2009
59	60	Surinam	17.03.2003
60	61	Brazil	16.04.2008
61	62	USA	16.03.2010

62	63	Argentina	11.09.2010
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Others			
63	64	Australia	28.02.2012
	65	India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA)	13.09.2006
Sectoral MoUs			
64	66	New Zealand (for cooperation on Plant Quarantine issues)	15.04.1999
65	67	Mauritius (for Cooperation in Plant Protection and Plant Health)	13.10.2009
66	68	Chile (for Cooperation in Plant Protection and Plant Health)	29.04.2008
At Sl. No. 43 of MoUs	69	Russia (on phytosanitary regulation of mutual supplies of plant products)	27.04.2009
At Sl. No. 67 of MoUs	70	Mauritius (for Cooperation in Cooperative sectors)	16.01.2017

B : Signed by Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)
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No of Countries	Name of the country	Year in which signed
1	Australia	19.07.1983
2	Netherlands	12.06.1984
3	Pakistan	04.07.1985
4	Iran	11.11.1991
5	Vietnam	31.10.1992
6	United State Department of Agriculture (USDA), USA	27.01.1996
7	Trinidad & Tobago	24.01.1997
8	Namibia	31.08.1998
9	Eritrea	01.12.2000
10	Panama	02.02.2001
11	Morocco	07.12.2004
12	Argentina	05.07.2006
13	Sudan	02.06.2006
