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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 280**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021

**MOU ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

280. SHRI PRABHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Fiji for cooperation in the field of agriculture sector; and
- (b) if so, the details of the benefits likely to accrue to both the countries as a result of MoU signed between India and Fiji for cooperation in the field of agriculture?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. During a virtual meeting between Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and the Fiji's Minister for Agriculture, Waterways & Environment, held on 22nd June, 2021, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors was signed virtually by both Ministers. However, the MoU shall enter into force on the last date of signature by the Parties, which is yet to be done.

(b) The benefits likely to accrue to both the countries from the MoU, are in the nature of capacity building, knowledge exchange through visits of scientists and technicians, development of agricultural infrastructure, human resources and dairy industry, promotion of joint ventures between private sectors and investment in marketing & value addition/downstream processing of agricultural commodities, etc. . Such cooperation aids in development of appropriate technologies and farm practices for enhancing agriculture productivity at farmer's field and also facilitates creation of opportunities for trade in agricultural commodities through market access. India's strategic interests are also served through partnerships with other countries.

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