

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 140
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MAY, 2016

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

*140. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether a number of countries including Israel and the United States of America (USA) have evinced keen interest to extend cooperation in agriculture sector to India and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (b) the foreign investment sought and extended for the promotion of agriculture sector in the country during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated an Indo-Israel Agricultural Project to extend strategic cooperation in the field of agriculture and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (d) whether a number of centres for excellence have been set up to increase the production of fruits and vegetables under the said project in various States and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the transfer of technology in the agriculture sector has been accomplished and the benefits of the said project accrued to the farmers in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 140 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD MAY, 2016.**

(a): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Agriculture during the last three years has signed (four) MoUs with Morocco, Vietnam, Mongolia and Armenia. Also, approval for the signing of an MoU for cooperation with Lithuania has also been obtained. MoUs with Israel and USA were signed in 1993 and 2010 respectively.

(b): Details of foreign investment received in the Agriculture Sector during April 2012 till February, 2016, countrywise, is attached as Annexure.

(c) to (e): Under MoU signed with Israel Action Plan is prepared from time to time and currently Action Plan for the period 2015-18 is underway. At present, 21 States namely, Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh, Telengana and West Bengal are covered under Indo-Israel Action Plan for 2015-18 for setting up Centres of Excellence (CoE) for vegetables, citrus fruits, mango, pomegranate, floriculture, integrated bee keeping development and treatment of brackish water etc.

Under the Action Plan, technology/training is provided by Israeli experts through their visits to India and Indian scientists/experts also visit Israel to get training before imparting technology at the field level in the areas of energy efficient green houses, precision irrigation, recycling of domestic waste water for irrigation, etc.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 140 reply on 3rd May, 2016 asked by Shri Rahul Shewale and Shri Om Prakash Yadav regarding International Cooperation in Agriculture Sector.

Country-wise FDI Equity inflows from April 2012 to February 2016
(Sector Agriculture Services)

(Amount in US\$ million)

S.No	Name of the Country	Amount of Foreign Direct Investment Inflows
1	Australia	0.04
2	Argentina	0.02
3	Belgium	1.75
4	Canada	11.06
5	China	0.34
6	Cyprus	3.32
7	France	20.71
8	Germany	25.74
9	Hong Kong	0.95
10	Indonesia	0.15
11	Italy	0.32
12	Liechtenstein	0.00
13	Japan	8.05
14	South Korea	1.94
15	Mauritius	141.69
16	Netherlands	9.85
17	New Zealand	0.17
18	Oman	0.22
19	Singapore	119.95
20	South Africa	0.20
21	Spain	0.64
22	Taiwan	0.63
23	Thailand	0.36
24	UAE	9.24
25	United Kingdom	18.28
26	U.S.A	20.60
27	British Virginia	0.45
28	Egypt	0.03
29	Uganda	0.30
30	Bermuda	0.08
	Grand Total	397.08
