

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2553
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INDIAN ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India has rendered assistance to Vietnam for revival of agriculture for speedy growth of farm sector;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether similar proposal is being formulated in respect of affected areas in the northern Sri Lanka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) Yes.

(b) As per the Work Plan for the years 2007-2009 under the Indo- Vietnam MOU for Agricultural Research and Education signed on July 6, 2007, Government of India provides assistance to Vietnam in the following broad areas:

- (i) Animal Husbandry
- (ii) Plant biotechnology
- (iii) Fruit trees and Vegetable, Germplasm exchange, improvement and production technologies.
- (iv) Cotton and Rice improvement and production
- (v) Post harvest technologies and farm mechanization
- (vi) Enhancement of cooperation and coordination; within the relevant international and regional cooperation.
- (vii) Other related areas of interest that are mutually agreed upon by the parties.

Our assistance in agriculture sector has so far been modest, in the form of technical advice and exchange of scientists.

(c) & (d) The Government has earmarked Rs. 500 crores for the relief and rehabilitation of the internally displaced persons in Sri Lanka. With a view to facilitating rehabilitation of IDPS, Government is considering taking up several measures, including in the field of agriculture.