

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDO-US AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Indo-US agricultural initiative; and
- (b) the amount of investment made by the US companies in Indian agriculture?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): India and USA signed a Memorandum of Understanding in March, 2010 for cooperation in Agriculture and Food Security. Under the MoU, the first `India-USA Agriculture Dialogue` was held on 13-14 September, 2010 in New Delhi, which was co-chaired by Foreign Secretary and Under Secretary for Energy, Agriculture and Economic Affairs, US State Department. The Agriculture dialogue will provide a framework for renewing bilateral cooperation in three broad areas mainly strategic cooperation in agriculture and food security; agricultural extension services, farm to market linkages and food processing; and weather and crop forecasting.

(b): During the period 2007-10, total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows from USA in agricultural services were US \$ 3.1 Million.