

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COLLABORATION IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with other countries on innovation in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the said collaboration is likely to be helpful for Indian agriculture sector and for the farming community?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Collaboration with other countries on research in the agriculture sector is a continuous and ongoing process. International co-operation in ICAR/DARE are being implemented through Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)/Agreements/Work Plans signed with foreign countries/international organizations.
- (b) Presently, there are 58 MoUs signed between the Ministry of Agriculture and various foreign government and institutions. These MoUs normally cover areas like agricultural research and education through study visits and training of scientists, exchange of literature and capacity building programs. Areas relating to trade and marketing are also covered.
- (c) Through such activities India stands to benefit by way of knowledge sharing and gaining of overall experience and exposure to the latest development of technology in the various countries. These are then analyzed and adopted in the Indian agricultural scenario with requisite modifications to suit our conditions and requirements.