

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDO -ISRAEL COOPERATION IN AGRI SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Israel have signed an agreement for cooperation in agriculture and dairy sector in the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to boost the agriculture production in cooperation with Israel?

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) & (b): There is an agreement between India and Israel for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied activities including dairy sector. Cooperation includes collaborative research, education, training & demonstration, agricultural marketing, input delivery and extension and dairy sector.

Recently, Government of Andhra Pradesh has agreed to provide the required land for establishing a dairy farm with an Israeli company.

(c): Israel is considered leader in efficient use of water for agriculture, high-value agriculture, post-harvest management and in agricultural machinery. Israeli expertise is being availed in these areas.