

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TRADE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has signed agreements with the United States of America to encourage agricultural research and trade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the benefits likely to be accrued from such agreements;
- (c) whether various foreign organisations are putting undue pressure on the agriculture policy of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): An umbrella Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in March, 2010 between the Government of India and United States of America for cooperation in agriculture and food security, to work together bilaterally and in cooperation with other countries to achieve common goal in food security and increasing agricultural productivity.

Details of Agreements/MoUs signed with the Universities/agencies of United States of America in the field of agricultural research and trade are annexed.

(c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.