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International Cooperation in Agriculture Sector

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has entered into any agreement relating to research and development in the agriculture sector with Israel, Armenia, Japan and Netherlands in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been any exchange of agricultural technologies of food storage, preservation, irrigation and desert farming amongst these countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether several pilot projects have been undertaken in the agriculture sector with the cooperation of the said countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits accrued/likely to accrue to the agriculture sector therefrom in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) & (b): Government of India has signed MoU with Netherlands on 27.09.1990 and with Israel on 24.12.1993, for cooperation in the field of Agriculture including research and development.

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(c) & (d): Under the Agreement signed with Israel and Netherlands, Centre of Excellences in the area of horticulture have been established in various States for demonstration, dissemination of information and imparting training to field officers and farmers. A Project for implementation of various interventions including Minor Irrigation Development for Crop Diversification in Himachal Pradesh was signed in 2010 with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

(e): The benefits accrued / likely to accrue are in the form of training and visiting facilities in respective countries, visit of farmers and farmer organization, higher education in agriculture in other countries, training and demonstration, etc. in the agriculture sector, enhancement of mutual exchange of knowledge, transfer of appropriate technologies, equipment, genetic material, research and capacity building and skill development programs for the development of the agricultural sector.
