

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDO ISRAEL WORK PLAN ON AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed an Indo-Israel Work Plan for the development of agriculture sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of areas identified for the development of agriculture sector including transfer and development of agricultural technology;
- (c) whether Israel is providing technology for creation of Centres of Excellence (CoE) for transfer of various technologies for development of horticulture in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of CoE created in various parts of the country along with the funds allocated for the purpose under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): An Indo-Israel work plan was signed in 2006 wherein a number of areas for cooperation were identified. These included energy efficient green houses, recycling of waste water for irrigation, post-harvest management for horticulture and dairy products, dairy development through genetic improvement, extension services, training and visiting facilities in respective countries.

(c) to (e): As part of this work plan, an Indo – Israel Agriculture Action Plan was initiated during 2008 – 2010 which was subsequently extended for implementation till 2015. Under this Action Plan Centres of Excellence for fruits, vegetables and flowers have been sanctioned with the technical support of Israeli experts in the states of Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Bihar, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The Centres of Excellence are for demonstration of latest technologies for increasing the production and productivity of horticulture crops in the country.

The details of funds allocated to various States for establishment of these CoEs under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture are annexed.