

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foreign assistance for agricultural development schemes has come down during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether India has entered into strategic partnership with some of the foreign countries including United States of America in the field of agriculture;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount likely to be invested by such countries in the agriculture sector; and
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue to Indian farmers and facilities to be created under the said partnership?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Agriculture has signed MOUs/Agreements with 52 countries including United States of America for cooperation in the fields of agriculture and allied sectors in areas such as Research and Development, Capacity Building, Germ-Plasm Exchange, Post-Harvest Management, Value Addition/Food Processing, Plant Protection etc.

These MOUs/Agreements have facilitated improvement in agricultural technology and capacity building of scientists, officials and farmers in raising agriculture productivity conserving natural resources, enhancing environmental sustainability, improving nutrition etc.