

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:123
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2014
INTERNATIONAL CO OPERATION IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has entered into any agreement/cooperation with a number of countries in the field of agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the United States of America (USA) has also evinced keen interest to extend cooperation in the agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to sign any agreement with USA in the field of food storage and food preservation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 123 DUE FOR REPLY ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2014.

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Ministry of Agriculture has entered into 77 MoUs/Agreements with 63 countries in the field of agriculture.

(c) to (e): Ministry of Agriculture has already signed an MoU with United States of America in 2010 on Agricultural Cooperation and Food Security. The scope of areas of cooperation included in the MoU are (i) Science, Technology & Education, (ii) Weather Forecasting Technology for Crop Management and Market Information, (iii) Farm- market Linkages and Private Investment in Agriculture, (iv) Food Security Cooperation and (v) Nutrition.