

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1670  
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MEETING OF INDIA US KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE ON AGRICULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether First Board meeting of the India-US Knowledge Initiative on Agriculture held in Washington on 15-16th December, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the matter discussed therein; and
- (d) the extent to which US has agreed to provide all help and assistance in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c): The Board decided to focus on the following areas in the short term:-
  - # Education, learning resources, curriculum development and training.
  - # Food processing and use of byproducts and bio-fuels.
  - # Biotechnology.
  - # Water Management.
- (d) The Institutions and financial outlays are being worked out for forging the future cooperation in these areas.