

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF FARMERS DELEGATION TO ISRAEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a delegation of farmers and experts visited Israel recently;
- (b) if so, the details of participants;
- (c) whether India proposes to follow and adopt some of their technologies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue to the country therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): The Union Agriculture Minister accompanied by high level official delegation and a large business delegation coordinated by FICCI visited Israel in May 2006 to participate in Agritech-2006. The official delegation comprised three Chief Ministers and seven Agriculture Ministers from Indian States (Compositions of the official and business delegations are placed at Annexure I & II). This visit was followed by the visit of a delegation from Rajasthan led by the Agriculture Minister of Rajasthan from 27th June – 3rd July, 2006 for exposure to Israeli agricultural practices and technologies (The composition of the delegation is at Annexure –III).

Israel has made impressive progress in agriculture and has acquired leadership, particularly, in the field of water management and conservation and creating infrastructure for smaller farms; dry land desert condition farming; precision and protected farming; post harvest management and value addition for vegetables, fruits and dairy products; agriculture marketing and processing units; dairy development through genetic improvement etc. Cooperation with Israel in the field of agriculture may be useful particularly for states having agro-climatic conditions as exist in Israel. A Work Plan has been signed recently to give effect to cooperation in the field of agriculture between the two countries.

ANNEXURE-I

Composition of the Indian Official delegation to Israel Agritech 2006

1. Hon`ble Mr. Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
2. Mr. Vimalendra Sharan, Private Secretary to the Hon`ble Minister of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
3. Ms. Radha Singh, Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation). Ministry of Agriculture.
4. Dr. Mangla Rai, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
5. Mrs. Upma Choudhary, Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries.
6. Hon`ble Mr. H.S. Chatha, Agriculture Minister of Haryana.
7. Mr. R.K. Khullar, Director, Government of Haryana
8. Hon`ble Ms. Vasundhara Raje, Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
9. Mr. Tanmay Kumar, Special Secretary to the Hon`ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
10. Mr. Parvinder Singh, Secretary(Agriculture), Government of Rajasthan.
11. Hon`ble Mr. Narender Modi, Chief Minister of Gujarat.
12. Mr. V. Thiruppugazh, Secretary to the Hon`ble Chief Minister of Gujarat
13. Dr. M.C. Varshneya, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Agriculture University.
14. Hon`ble Mr. Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister of Nagaland.
15. Hon`ble Mr. Kuzholuzo, Minister of Agriculture of Nagaland
16. Mr. Rothihu Tetseo, Officer on Special Duty to the Hon`ble Chief Minister of Nagaland.
17. Hon`ble Mr. Balasaheb Thorat, Minister of Water Conservation and Agriculture, Maharashtra.
18. Hon`ble Mr. Ajit Pawar, Minister of Irrigation, Maharashtra.

19. Mr, J.S. Saharia, Principal Secretary (Water & Soil Conservation) Government of Maharashtra
20. Mr. Mukesh Khullar, Principal Secretary(Agriculture), Government of Maharashtra.
21. Hon`ble Mr. Surender Nath Naik, Minister of Agriculture, Orissa.
22. Mr. H.S. Chahar, Principal Secretary(Agriculture), Government of Orissa.
23. Hon`ble Mr. Bandeppa Kashempur, Minister of Agriculture, Karnataka
24. Hon`ble Mr. B. Nagaraja Shetty, Minister of Horticulture, Karnataka
25. Dr. S.C.V Reddy, Additional Director (Horticulture), Government of Karnataka.
26. Hon`ble Mr. N. Raghuvira Reddy, Agriculture Minister, Andhra Pradesh.
27. Prof. C. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

ANNEXURE-II

FICCI BUSINESS DELEGATION FOR AGRITECH 2006

1. Dr. Amit Mitra
Secretary General, FICCI
5. Dr. Subodh Shishodia
Head - Farmer Services
DCM Shriram Consolidated Ltd
2. Mr. Vivek Bharati,
Advisor, National Policy, Programme
And Projects, FICCI
16. Mr. Sanjiva Rishi
Vice President - Brand &
Satnam Overseas Ltd
3. Mr. Abhiram Seth,
Chairman - Water Committee, FICCI
17. Mr. Tushar Pandey
Executive Director, Vice President,
Pepsi Foods India Pvt. Ltd. Yes Bank Ltd.
4. S. Sunanda
Joint Director and Team Leader
Agriculture, Water and Rural
Development FICCI
18. Mr. K. Kumar
Managing Director
Septu India (P) Ltd.
5. S. Bhaskar Reddy
Assistant Director
Water and Rural
Development FICCI
19. Mr. Sundeep Kumar Gupta
Managing Director
V T Impex Limited

Business Delegates:

6. Shri T. Balakrishnan IAS
Principal Secretary (Industries) & Chairman & Managing Director
Chairman, KINFRA
20. Mr. Jayanti Patel
Meghmani Organics Ltd.
7. Mr. K.S. Money
Chairman, APEDA
21. Mr. M.S. Sudhakar
Senior Manager
Jain Irrigation System Pvt. Ltd
8. Mr. Venkat Chari,
Chairman
22. Mr. Satish Ghatpande
Vice President
Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. Plastro Plasson Industries India Ltd
9. Mr. Anup Banerji
Chief General Manager,
State Bank of India
23. Mr. Rahul Garg
Chief Manager
ICICI Bank Limited
10. Mr. Vikram Puri
Chief Executive Officer
Mahindra Shublabh Services Ltd.
24. Mr. Anant Shukla
General Manager - Horticulture
ITC Limited
11. Mr. Ajit Jain
Joint Managing Director
Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd.
25. Mr. T. C. Kothari
Chairman & Managing Director
Noble Horticulture Farm
12. Mr. Narendra Gupta
Chief
National Commodities and Derivative
Exchange Ltd.
26. Mr. Anil Harlalka
General Manager
Noble Horticulture Farm
13. Brig J.S Oberoi
Advisor - Horticulture Business
ITC Limited
27. Ms. Madhavi Soman
ICICI Bank Limited
14. Mr. Kalyan Chakravarthy
Country Head - Food and Agri Business
Yes Bank Ltd.
28. Mr. Suresh Singla
Director
Titan Biotech Ltd.

Annexure-III

Composition of delegation from Rajasthan to Israel

Sr.No. Name Office/Designation/Place

Hon`ble Speaker

1. SUMITRA SINGH Speaker of Rajasthan Assembly

Hon`ble Ministers

2. SAINI, PRABHOO LAL AGRICULTURE MINISTER
3. RATHORE, SURENDRA SINGH STATE IRRIGATION MINISTER

Hon`ble Members of Assembly

4. MAHADEO SINGH MLA, KHANDELA
5. MIRDHA RICHH PAL MLA, DEGANA
6. GURJANT SINGH MLA, BALABHANAGAR
7 KHAN, ZUBAIR MLA, ALWAR

N.G.O.s

8. LAXMAN SINGH Gram Vikas Navyuvak Mandal
9. BHIM SINGH YADUVANSHI LUPIN FOUNDATION BHARATPUR

Journalists

10. SHEKHAWAT, PRADEEP KUMAR RAJASTHAN PATRIKA
11. SHARMA, MAHESH CHANDRA DAINIK NAVJYOTI
12. ROHIRA, SHYAM SWROOP RASHTRADOOT

OFFICERS

13. AHMAD, SALAHUDDIN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AGRICULTURE
14. SHARMA, VIPIN CHANDRA ADMINISTRATOR RAJ. STATE. MARKETING
15. SHARMA, MANOJ DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURE
16. CHAUHAN, PRAKASH MOHAN M.D.RSSC
17. CHAUHAN, ASHOK Jt. Director (Plan), Directorate of Agri.,
18. CHOUDHARY, MANA RAM Dy. Director (Ext.), Sirohi
19. JAT, SITA RAM A.D. (Hort.), Directorate of Horticulture
20. SUNIL KUMAR A.D. (Ext.), Bhilwara
21. SINGH KESHAR Secretary, K.U.M.S. (F&V), Jaipur

Farmers

22. PATIDAR, RATANJI DUNGARPUR
23. KULMI, BANSHI LAL JHALAWAR
24. LODHA, BHARAT SINGH DHOLPUR
25. TYAGI, BAHADUR SINGH DHOLPUR
26. KHANDELWAL, SANTOSH KUMAR KOTA

27. SIKARWAR, NARESH SINGH BARAN
28. NAURANG LAL CHURU
29. CHOUDHARY, PUKHRAJ JODHPUR
30. RAMAWATAR SHARMA SIKAR
31. PAREEK RADHEY SHYAM DAUSA
32. VASHISHT, JAI PRAKASH JAIPUR
33. DEORA, SURAJ PAL SINGH SIROHI
34. RATHORE, CHANDRA VEER SINGH BHILWARA
35. SINSINWAR, OM PRAKASH BHARATPUR
36. RAJAK KHAN BHARATPUR
37. SHARMA, KANTI LAL BANSWARA
38. DULI CHAND JHUNJHUNU
39. SINGH, MOHAR JHUNJHUNU
40. MEGHWAL, MANJU DEVI# JALORE
41. YADAV, PREM LATA# SAWAI MADHOPUR
42. GULAB SINGH SINGH RAJPUROHIT
43. RAM SINGH
44. JAT, BHANWAR LAL TONK
45. YADAV, KISHAN LAL
46. BHARTIYA, BADRI LAL TONK
47. JHALA, BHAGWATI#
48. TIPU DEVI#

- Women Farmer