

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China for the production of High Yield Variety (HYV) rice in India;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether the Government has also plan to develop indigenous technologies for producing HYV seeds; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the time by which this technology is likely to be developed ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) :The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences to promote and accelerate the progress of research and training in various disciplines of agricultural research.

(c)&(d) : Indigenous Development of High yielding variety/hybrid seeds of various crops including rice is one of the major areas of research under Indian Council of Agricultural Research. This is regularly being done through crop based Institute(s) /Directorate(s), National Research Centre(s) and under All India Co-ordinated Crop Improvement Programme(s). Development & Refinement of seed production technology alongwith the production of breeders seed, is also being taken up regularly.