

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INDO EU TRADING AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the countries in the European Union (EU) have shown interests in promoting agriculture in India ;
- (b) If so, whether the said countries have mobilized themselves to pressurise the European Commission into reducing the subsidies on agriculture; and
- (c) If so, the details regarding the Indo-EU Trading and Investment Promotion Programmes ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : The Government has not received any proposal from the European Union

(EU) showing interests in promoting agriculture in India. However, the E.U. has shown interest to promote bilateral trade of agricultural and allied products between India and E.U. and for this purpose India-EU Joint Working Groups have been formed.

(c) :In order to strengthen the strategic partnership between Europe and India, the European Commission on behalf of the European Union has developed EU-India Trade and Investment Development Programme (TIDP), with the following components :

1. Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary measures
2. Investment facilitation desk
3. Trade portal
4. Customs
5. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

The implementation of the programme started in the December, 2005