

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH MOZAMBIQUE ON AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether India and Mozambique have recently signed an agreement for cooperation in the field of agriculture ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The benefits likely to accrue therefrom and the funds allocated by the Government for the purpose ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. Based on the Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of agriculture between India and Mozambique signed on 12.5.2003, a Work Plan for the year 2006-07 was signed on 21.11.2006 during the visit of Mozambican Agriculture Minister to India.

Under the Work Plan both the countries agreed to immediate collaboration in the activities of research programmes, training/visit of Mozambican Scientists in India, training/visit of Indian Scientists to Mozambique, exchange of germplasm and consultancy.

(c) :The activities of the Work Plan would boost up cooperation in the field of agriculture between India and Mozambique.

Ministry of External Affairs has been allocated Rs.20 lakhs by transfer of their funds to Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for providing assistance to Mozambique in the field of agriculture. Accordingly, the activities of imparting training to Mozambican candidates in the Agricultural Training Institutes under the Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) have been activated.