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# Q NO 2872.SHARING OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES BY ISRAEL

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RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2872  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2014

## SHARING OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES BY ISRAEL

2872. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Israel has expressed its keen desire to share new technologies and innovative ideas with Indian farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Israel is also considering to expand their activities in India further, provided India responds with quicker and effective coordination, if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Israel has been collaborating with India in various sectors in the field of agriculture including sharing of new technologies and innovative ideas. An Agreement for cooperation in agriculture was signed between the two countries in 1993. The Agreement provided for cooperation in Agricultural Science and Technology including Research & Education, Extension, and Training & Joint Research Projects. These provisions were implemented through periodic Action Plans.

(b) The current Action Plan (2012-15) is being implemented in the States of Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. It includes training of Indian officers in Israel in various fields. Under the plan, Israeli experts regularly visit the participating states for demonstrations, trainings and establishment of Centres of Excellence. Centres of Excellence are aimed to introduce scientific and integrated approach to agriculture across various sectors like horticulture, sub-tropical fruits, bee-keeping etc. There is effective coordination between the two countries on these

collaborations. 27 Centres of Excellence are at various stages of development across different States. Five of them have already been completed and commissioned.

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