MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, NATURE MANAGEMENT AND FISHERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

1. In pursuance of the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Republic of India and the Kingdom of the Netherlands signed in New Delhi on February 8, 1983 and with a view to develop technical, economic and scientific cooperation in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of India and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands (hereafter to be referred as parties) had earlier concluded a Memorandum of Understanding on 12th June, 1984 at the Hague.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding provided for constitution of a Joint Agricultural Steering Committee (JASC). Both the parties agreed that cooperation in the field of Agriculture between the two countries has been rather limited as its activities related to the promotion of projects in the framework of development cooperation. The Indian side noted that in the Netherlands knowhow and technology are available within the private companies that do not belong to the Government. Both parties have, therefore, agreed that there is need to revamp and to diversify cooperation in the field of Agriculture using all possible Government instruments as well as private sector channels and to provide the private sector in the two countries an opportunity, to participate wherever appropriate. It was also agreed that public companies can also be included in the cooperation.

3. Both the parties agreed that cooperation in the field of Research and Technology will not however, be excluded but this cooperation should focus more on the applied research and technology and will be incorporated in the economic cooperation between the private companies/public sector undertakings of both the countries.

4. In the framework of the aforesaid economic cooperation both the countries have now reached the following understanding:

5. The existing Memorandum of Understanding concluded on 12th June, 1984 including the setting up of the JASC between the two parties be replaced.
6. A Working Group on Agriculture is set up with the following Terms of Reference:

6.1 The Working Group will stimulate the further development and intensification of economic cooperation between both countries in the field of agriculture including animal husbandry and poultry, fisheries, forestry, agro-and-food industry;

6.2 For this purpose, the Working Group will examine the possibilities for cooperation by analysing sectors or fields that are best suited. It shall also identify programmes and projects for economic cooperation between private and/or state owned enterprises and organisations of both countries;

6.3 Within the limits of its competence, the Working Group will promote, coordinate and guide activities related to the identification and implementation of economic cooperation programmes and commercially viable projects. To that end the Working Group may recommend accordingly:
- the organisations of exhibitions, symposia and trade-meetings;
- exchange of specialists and research reports and data;
- the organisation of feasibility and other relevant studies;
- cooperation in the field of post-harvesting technologies and marketing of agricultural commodities;
- monitoring the implementation of on-going activities in the field of agriculture;
- or any other activity that will contribute to the economic cooperation.

6.4 The Working Group will need periodically to plan and review the programme of activities and to consider additional actions to promote such activities.

6.5 The Working Group will consist of an Indian and a Netherlands delegation. Each delegation will be headed by a high ranking official.

6.6 Each party will decide upon the necessary number of experts and advisors in its delegation. Representatives of interested organisations, and private and/or state owned enterprises can also be invited to join these delegations.

6.7 The Working Group will meet once every year alternatively in the Netherlands and India at dates that will be agreed upon between the Chairmen of the two delegations.

6.8 The agenda for each meeting will be established on the basis of suggestions from both sides. (In this respect each delegation will make its suggestions not later than one month before the meeting). The two Chairmen will inform each other as soon as possible before each meeting on the number and composition of their delegations.
6.9 The Chairman of the receiving delegation is responsible for the organisation of the meeting of the Working Group and will preside over the meeting. Each delegation will bear its own costs.

6.10 The minutes of the meetings of the Working Group will be prepared in the English language, and will be signed by the head of each delegation.

6.11 The Chairman presiding over the meetings of the Working Group will report the results of the meetings to the Indo-Netherlands Joint Committee set up under the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation dated 8th February, 1983.

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