

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING &
FISHERIES,
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL
AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND
FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES SECTORS

Whereas Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare of the Government of the Republic of India and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hereinafter referred to as the Participants;

desiring to strengthen and expand cooperation and consultation in areas relating to Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries sectors between the two countries.

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph-1

The Participants enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and establish the India-United Kingdom Joint Working Group (JWG) for cooperation in the field of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Sectors

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to enhance consultation and cooperation between the Participants on livestock husbandry, fisheries and related matters of mutual interest including consultations on bilateral issues.

Paragraph-2

The Participants may cooperate in the field of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries sectors for mutual benefit and in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Participants.

Paragraph-3

Scope of the Cooperation

In accordance with each Participant's capacity, the participants will endeavour to promote dialogue, information exchange and cooperation by means as may be mutually decided. Such cooperation may include, but is not limited to, the following areas of interest:

- i. Matters of mutual concern or interest in relation to livestock husbandry, fisheries and related matters;
- ii. Collaboration in livestock health and husbandry, breeding, dairying and fisheries;
- iii. Management and mechanism to enrich feed & fodder nutritionally and its bulk transportation in deficit areas to realise higher productivity and production in livestock;
- iv. Sanitary issues concerning trade in livestock, animal husbandry and animal products, and;
- v. Development of high tech fodder tree species nurseries with fodder crops and promotion of agro-forestry for planting fodder tree species Under integrated farming system including soil moisture conservation in drought prone areas;
- vi. Areas of exchange of scientific personnel for study tour/training in mutually agreed areas.

- vii. Collaboration for joint research for cross- learning with regard to Innovative Agricultural Extension approaches including the use of information and communication technology (ICT).
- viii. Any other matter of joint interest.

Paragraph-4

Joint Working Group

The JWG will consist of representatives of the Participants. The joint co- chairs of the JWG will be at the level of Joint Secretary (India), DADF and Director Economics and Trade (British High Commission) and Divisional Director concerned in the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs of the Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The JWG meetings may also be conducted through video-conference, if required.

The JWG Meetings may be preceded by meeting at Secretary level on both sides as may be required on a mutually decided basis.

Paragraph-5

The JWG will meet annually alternately in India and United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland on mutually convenient dates to formulate joint programmes and facilitate cooperation and consultation. However, additional video-conferences may be held in between annual meeting depending upon the requirement, as per the mutual convenience of the Participants.

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The co-chair of the Participants hosting the JWG meeting will organise the meeting, prepare a draft report on its discussion, and finalise the report for signing at the end of each JWG meeting in consultation with

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the other Participant. The JWG will report to the respective Agriculture Ministers.

Paragraph-7

Disclosure of Information

- i. The Participants will freely exchange information within the framework of this MoU, with the exception of such cases where the national legislation or the Participant providing such information, has set restriction on its use or disclosure.
- ii. In case information shared by a Participant is confidential, the other Participant shall be informed about such nature of the information in writing. In the absence of any such communication, Participants shall not be bound to treat the information shared under this MoU as confidential.
- iii. Under no circumstances, will restricted information be transferred by either Participant to a third party, without prior written consent of the other Participant.
- iv. The information resulting from the activities from implementation of the MoU, will be published or divulged to the third Participants, only with prior written consent by the other Participant.

Paragraph-8

Should the activities under this MoU give rise to intellectual property rights, the Participants will enter into separate arrangement that will specifically provide for the ownership and management of such rights in accordance with their respective laws, rules and regulations and multilateral agreements to which both Participants are party to.

Paragraph-9

Financial Arrangements

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Unless otherwise mutually decided in advance by the Participants, the cost of hosting meetings and other related activities will be borne by the host country. Participants attending meetings will bear their own transport, accommodation and other related costs.

Paragraph-10

The Participants may exchange documents, books and journals in furtherance of this MoU free of cost to the recipient.

Paragraph-11

Dispute settlement

Any dispute between the Participants concerning the implementation or interpretation of this MoU will be settled amicably through mutual consultation and negotiation.

Paragraph-12

Validity and termination of the MoU

This MoU will enter into effect from the date of its signature by both the Participants and will remain in effect initially for a period of five years and may be further extended with the mutual consent of the Participants

Paragraph-13

This MoU may be amended or modified at any time by the mutual consent of the Participants in writing.

Paragraph-14

This MoU may be terminated by either Participant giving six months prior notice in writing through the diplomatic channel to the other Participant.

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Termination of this MoU will not affect the validity of any arrangements initiated prior to such termination, unless mutually decided otherwise by the Participants.

Paragraph-16

This MoU does not create any legal rights and obligations between the Participants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised thereto have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed at **London** on **17th April, 2018** in two original copies, each in Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of a divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

For the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare of the Government of Republic of India	For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
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His Excellency Y.K Sinha
High Commissioner of India
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Sir Dominic Asquith
British High Commissioner to
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