

**PROTOCOL<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF  
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF FRANCE REGARDING  
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF  
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
New Delhi, 28 January 1980**

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The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Republic of FRANCE,

AWARE of the importance of Agriculture and Rural Development,

TAKING into consideration the essential contribution which is brought by the Scientific and Technical Research in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development in the achieving of the social and economic goals aimed at by both the Governments,

TAKING into consideration the mutual benefit which can be gained by a close co-operation between the institutions concerned with the problems of research, training and agricultural as well as rural development,

DESIROUS of increasing their scientific, technical and economic exchanges in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development,

CONSIDERING the Agreement<sup>2</sup> for Cultural, Scientific and Technical Co-operation signed on the 7th June, 1966,

CONSIDERING the Agreement on Science and Technology signed on the 18th of July 1978,<sup>3</sup>

1. Came into force on 28 January 1980.

2. IBTA Vol. 5 Doc. No. 345.

3. IBTA Vol. 10 Doc. No. 668.

HAVE AGREED on the following :

*Article 1*

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of France will endeavour to develop scientific, technical and economic co-operation between the two countries in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development.

*Article 2*

Both sides will on the basis of reciprocity promote co-operation between the Institutions concerned with Agriculture and Rural Development in the two countries. This co-operation will take place, more specifically, in the following areas :

- improvement of farming-systems in growing cocoa, coconut trees, oil-palm trees and processing of crops;
- improvement of agro-forestry, as well as silvi-pastoral systems;
- development of natural resources (hydraulics, etc.);
- animal genetics and artificial insemination, production of vaccines, aquaculture and mariculture;
- renewable energies (solar energy, valorization of biomass and agricultural wastes, etc.).

*Article 3*

Both sides will endeavour to promote co-operation programmes in agricultural technology and industry more specifically in the following areas :

- equipments required for developing rural and agricultural communities, including :
  - (a) small farm implements, especially, agricultural bullock-drawn implements;
  - (b) equipments for producing renewable energy solar-pumps, small turbines, etc;
  - (c) small equipments for storage and processing of agricultural produce, especially those which use appropriate technologies;
  - (d) special equipment for cattle breeding;
  - (e) equipment and technology for post-harvest operations and agro-food industries, such as dairy, low-temperature

storage of fruits & vegetables and their processing, packing and handling; and

- (f) heavy agricultural equipment in Zones where mechanization is suitable.

#### *Article 4*

The Government of the French Republic will take part in the development of :

- (i) an area to be selected on the left bank of the Rajasthan Canal through mutual consultation with the Indian Agencies concerned with research and development;
- (ii) the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh through soil and water conservation with particular reference to water harvesting.

The co-operation between the two countries in the frame-work of this operation will aim towards the improvement of cattle, sheep and goat breeding, the introduction of appropriate methods of culture and in the integrated development of the considered zone.

It will be based on common actions as far as research, training and experiments are concerned. The experiments will relate specially to small agricultural implements, equipment for producing energy and processing of agricultural products.

#### *Article 5*

Both sides will co-operate in establishing a cattle-disease-free Zone in Kerala.

#### *Article 6*

Both sides will endeavour to increase their exchanges of agricultural products on a steady and regular basis. The supply of edible oil to India by France through medium-term contracts will be encouraged.

#### *Article 7*

In order to implement the co-operation envisaged in the present Protocol, the two Governments will, within the framework of the instruments governing the cultural, scientific, technical, economic and financial co-operation between the two countries, establish an appropriate joint mechanism to develop action plans of implementation through biennial meetings to be held alternately in India and France.

The two Governments will regularly exchange information and promote relations between the agencies concerned with research and agricultural and rural development to further meaningful co-operation between the two countries.

This Protocol shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain valid for a period of five years.

DONE at New Delhi, this twenty-eight day of January in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty in duplicate each in the Hindi, French and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic.

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