

**Selection Criteria of the Foreign Tour**

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**Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister: -**

Will the Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister be pleased to state the Foreign Tour wise action taken by the Govt. on the report of the delegations along with the selection criteria of the countries visited during the last five years?

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The detailed reply of Question no. 116 is attached.

**Un-starred Assembly Question no. 116 regarding selection criteria of the foreign tour.**

The foreign countries visited by the Government delegations during the last 5 years (from 01.04.2017) along with selection criteria of the countries visited and action taken by the Government on the report of the delegations is as under:

**Table-1: Detail of foreign country visits of Department of Horticulture**

| Sn. | Dates of Tour            | Countries Visited        | Selection Criteria of the countries visited   | Action taken by the Government on the report of the delegations   |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1.  | 04.08.2016 to 13.08.2016 | United States of America | <p>The delegation was scheduled to visit UC Davis University, Local Agriculture Field, Guadalupe, Santa Maria to visit APIO INC factory, vegetable fields, San Francisco to Des Moines (IOWA State), Agriculture Field, seed farms, farm mechanization, soil conservation, Horticulture Field, Animal Husbandry units, meeting with Secretary/Minister (IOWA State): Discussion regarding MoU, Visit to IOWA State University.</p> <p>The delegation was also attended American Society for Horticulture Sciences (ASHS) Conference and visit local farms, Minister meeting with Horticulture Experts.</p> <p>The delegation was also meet with India US Business Council Food &amp; Agri Members, The World Bank agri officials, Croplife International, also visited Manryland/Farm sites in Washington DC.</p> | <p>Based on exposure of horticulture value chain seen in USA an On-farm Marketing Scheme was launched by including supply chain components as suited for Haryana State and scheme is under implementation.</p>                  |
| 2.  | 06.05.2018 to 09.05.2018 | Israel                   | <p>Delegation was scheduled to attend Agritech-2018 at Israel-20<sup>th</sup> International Agriculture Exhibition and Conference. Delegation was discussed with Israeli Counterparts- visit Agriculture Research Organization and Field, Micro Irrigation Unit, Agriculture &amp; Horticulture Sites in Arid &amp; Semi-Arid reasons.</p> <p>The delegation was discussed on import of high yielding, seedless &amp; juice varieties of citrus, also visited M/s Nana Dan Jain Company- Business of Micro</p>  | <p>Delegation has seen various horticulture technologies at Agri-tech Expo and field. Haryana is implementing agriculture plan with Israel Govt. and established Centers of Excellence where Israeli technologies are being</p> |

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|    |                          |                | irrigation. Delegation are meet with Mr. Uri Ariel, Israel Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, visit to Tahal Group.   | demonstrated.   |
| 3. | 07.01.2020 to 11.01.2020 | United Kingdom | <p>Haryana Govt. is in process to establish Haryana-UK Centre of Excellence on crop Post-Harvest Management and Sustainable Cold Chain. In this regard, British Deputy High Commission invited Haryana delegation to visit UK from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10 January, 2020 with following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To explore UK expertise in Post-Harvest Management and Clean Cold Chain initiatives.</li> <li>2. How UK and Haryana Govt. can work together to establish a Centre of Excellence with a focus on these sub-sectors.</li> </ol>  | Delegation has seen the technologies on post-harvest management and clean cold energy as an invitation by UK Govt. before signing an MoU with them. Haryana Govt. is preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) for establishment of Centre of Excellence on Crop Post-harvest Management and Clean Cold.  |
| 4. | 12.11.2018 to 19.11.2018 | CHINA          | The delegation was deputed to attend “International Conference on Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products” from 12-19 November, 2018 at Shanghai, Zhangzhou, China organized by ‘World Society for Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products’. China is the leading producer of mushrooms and contributes 40 % of worlds mushrooms. Approx. 60 strains of mushroom are cultivated in China. Mushroom related research papers, posters were presented by international scientists during the conference which were attended by the participants. Besides this, exhibition, demonstration plots and field visits were also attended by the participants. In Haryana also, a cluster on mushrooms has been identified in district Sonapat and Farmer Producer Organization has also been formed. | The delegation acquired the knowledge about speciality mushrooms along with white button mushrooms. The knowledge gained during visit regarding production techniques and layout of mushroom farm is explained to mushroom growers of Haryana during trainings, etc. Medicinal and other speciality mushrooms like Shitake, King Oyster, Oyster, Cordyceps, Black Ear Mushrooms are promoted through Govt. schemes. |

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| 5. | 2022-23 | UK, SPAIN,<br>FRANCE &<br>NETHERLANDS | The delegation was deputed to attend the Cold Chain Summit and MoU Signing at University of Birmingham, London, UK; visit to Fruit Attraction-2022, International Exhibition in Madrid, Spain; visit to Rungis Wholesale Market in Paris, France; and International Horticulture Exhibition-Floriade Expo-2022 & International Flower Market, Aalsmeer (Netherlands) from 28.09.2022 to 08.10.2022. | During the visit an MoU was signed with University of Birmingham (UoB) for setting up of Centre of Excellence on Crop Post-harvest Management. Project has been approved by Govt. with funding from Center, State and UoB.<br><br>The visits and meetings to wholesale markets in Spain, Netherlands and France facilitated the delegation for exposure of functioning of such markets which are relevant for setting up of India International Horticulture Market and Apple Market in the State. |
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Table-2: Detail of foreign country visits of HSAMB

| Sn. | Dates of Tour            | Countries Visited             | Selection Criteria of the countries visited  | Action taken by the Government on the report of the delegations          |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 1.  | 06.06.2017 to 19.06.2017 | Australia, New Zealand & Fiji | The delegation was scheduled to visit Murdoch University at Perth, Australia, where MoU was to be signed between LUVAS University, Hisar and Murdoch University to share their expertise by sending their scientists/ experts to the Haryana State to work with the Haryana State scientists/ officials on various projects. The delegation was also scheduled to hold meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Western Australia for support in growth of dairy and agri. sectors.<br><br>The delegation was also to attend the Field days, a farming & agricultural trade show at Hamilton, New Zealand to see latest advances in agricultural innovation & technology. A farm visit to Fiji was also scheduled. | Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) had prepared a Post Visit Report. |
| 2.  | 23.01.2018 to 25.01.2018 | Netherlands                   | The delegation had scheduled to visit Netherlands to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)  | Memorandum of Understanding  |

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|     |                          |  | with World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) management for holding an international WUWM Conference at Gurugram in October, 2018.  | (MoU) was signed with World Union of Wholesale Markets (WUWM) management. |
| 3.  | 15.04.2018 to 30.04.2018 | Spain, Netherlands, Argentina & Brazil | <p>The delegation was scheduled to attend the World Union of Wholesale Market (WUWM) Conference from 16th to 18th April, 2018 at Barcelona (Spain).</p> <p>The delegation visited University of Wageningen, Netherlands where the presentations on their Research programmes were given especially on straw burning.</p> <p>The visit to modern wholesale &amp; retail markets of Brazil &amp; Argentina was planned for seeking valuable insight for development of modern fruits &amp; vegetables markets of the Haryana State. The delegation was scheduled to hold official meeting with Secretary for Agricultural Markets, Ministry of Agro-Industry, Argentina with objective of deepening the bilateral cooperation.</p>  | Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) had prepared a Post Visit Report.  |
| 4.  | 06.05.2018 to 09.05.2018 | Israel                                 | Delegation tour was planned by Horticulture Department.   | ---   |
| 5.  | 22.01.2019 to 30.01.2019 | Hungary & Austria                      | <p>The delegation was scheduled to visit biggest agricultural trade exhibition, "AGROMashEXPO and Agrargepshow" from 23rd to 26th of January 2019 at Budapest, Hungary. The exhibition is an important industry gathering, and thus serves as an ideal opportunity for knowledge transfer and networking. This Hungexpo Exhibition was also to showcase the waste management &amp; composting companies and their products, therefore this visit was to understand and see the latest techniques and technology being followed in waste management of fruit &amp; vegetable remains.</p> <p>The delegation was also to visit the Vienna Wholesale Market in Austria. This market is a hub and competence center for fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, egg products and flowers since 1972. This visit to help in understanding the modern techniques and technology being followed in the Flower market at GroBmarkt Wien, Vienna, Austria.</p>  | Post Visit Report Prepared.   |
| 6.  | 14.05.2019 to 25.05.2019 | Serbia, Montenegro & Poland            | <p>The delegation was to attend World Union for Wholesale Market (WUWM) Conference held at Belgrade, Serbia. The topic of the Conference was "Challenges in the Fresh Food Supply Chain". The WUWM conference provide delegates with valuable networking opportunities, and an international forum to debate the latest issues and trends facing not only wholesale and retail markets, but the market sector and food distribution industries worldwide.</p> <p>The delegation was also scheduled to visit the Elizówka Market, which is a supra-regional wholesale market, located in the Lublin, Poland. An important element of the Lublin Wholesale Market is the Center for Foreign Trade and Promotion. This department focuses on maintaining business contacts with existing partners, as well as acquiring new partners.</p> <p>The delegation was also to visit Bronisze Wholesale Market and Ewabis Market at Warsaw which is currently engaged in import &amp; export of</p> | Post Visit Report Prepared.   |

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|     |               |                   | wholesale fruits and vegetables. The visit to Silesia Wholesale Flower Market in Tychy, Poland was also planned; the market offers cut flowers, potted flowers, trees, fruit and ornamental shrubs, floral accessories including floristic materials. As the HSAMB also intends to establish Flower Market at Panchkula / Gurugram, this visit was to gain knowledge about working of the Modern Flower Market. The delegation was also scheduled to study the farmers' market in Podgorica, Montenegro. |   |

**Remarks:**

All the foreign tour programs were planned after due deliberation at Govt. level and after obtaining approvals from the competent authority as per rules.

The experience gained from the foreign tours regarding overall agriculture business network has been used to improve the infrastructure and processes being followed in the agriculture/Horticulture sector of the State.