MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE
AND ALLIED SECTORS
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The Government of the Republic of India and the
Government of the Union of Myanmar, hereinafter referred to
as the "Parties".

Desirous to develop further the existing friendly
relations between the two countries through the development
of cooperation in the fields of agricultural science and
technology;

Recognizing the importance of strengthening of
agricultural sectors;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE - I

The Parties shall work to encourage cooperation in
the fields of agricultural science and technology with the
objective of increasing agricultural production. The
Parties shall engage in joint activities in the areas of
crop sciences, research, agricultural extension,
sericulture, horticulture, jute, sugarcane, arid zone
agriculture, cooperative farming, agricultural
mechanization, agricultural
information system (GIS) fertilizer and pesticides use and agricultural joint ventures, agro-based industries such as sugar, jute, cotton, tea processing industries, exchange of scientific information and germ-plasm, rainfed farming, watershed development and water resources development including irrigation.

ARTICLE - II

The parties shall promote development of cooperation in agricultural science and technology, exchange of delegation and experts and also exchange of trainees in order to acquaint themselves of the development in the areas referred to in Article - I.

ARTICLE - III

The parties shall promote cooperation within the framework of the joint activities mentioned in Article-I through biennial Work Plans to be drawn up by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE - IV

A Joint Working Group shall be formed comprising of equal number of members from each of the Parties which will monitor the activities carried out in fulfilment of this Memorandum of Understanding. The Working Group shall
hold its meeting alternately in India and in Myanmar once in every two years.

ARTICLE - V

The sending party shall bear the cost of international air travel and the receiving party shall provide local hospitality for such persons deputed under the Work Plan/Cooperation Programmes pursuant to this Memorandum. Activities pursuant to this Memorandum are subject to the availability of the resources and subject to the laws and regulations of two parties.

ARTICLE - VI

This Memorandum shall, in no way, affect the commitments of the two Parties under the existing bilateral Agreements between the two countries.

ARTICLE - VII

The detailed matters concerning the implementation of this Memorandum shall be agreed upon through consultations between the Parties.
ARTICLE - VIII

Any dispute between the Parties concerning the implementation or interpretation of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably by way of consultation or negotiation.

ARTICLE - IX

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the day of signing and shall remain valid for a period of 5(five) years and shall automatically be renewed for a subsequent period of 5(five) years unless either Party notifies the other, in writing, six months before the expiration of the validity period, of its intention to terminate it. The expiry or termination of this Memorandum shall not prejudice the completion of projects already in progress. Any addition or amendment to this Memorandum shall be carried out by mutual consent.

Signed in Yangon on this 25th day of April, 1998 in two originals each in Hindi, Myanmar and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of any doubt the English text shall prevail.

(SOM PAL)
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