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**NETHERLANDS
and
INDIA**

Exchange of notes (with memorandum dated 17 February 1959) constituting an agreement concerning the rendering of technical and financial assistance to India in order to accelerate the desalinization of the saline soils along the coast of Saurashtra. New Delhi, 19 March and 27 April 1959

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Échange de notes (avec mémorandum en date du 17 février 1959) constituant un accord relatif à l'octroi d'une assistance technique et financière à l'Inde en vue d'accélérer le dessalement des sols salins situés le long de la côte du Saurashtra. New Delhi, 19 mars et 27 avril 1959

Texte officiel anglais.

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No. 7385. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND INDIA CONCERNING THE RENDERING OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIA IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE THE DESALINIZATION OF THE SALINE SOILS ALONG THE COAST OF SAURASHTRA. NEW DELHI, 19 MARCH AND 27 APRIL 1959

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AMBASSADE DER NEDERLANDEN²

New Delhi, March 19, 1959

Your Excellency,

I have the honour, under instructions from the Government of the Netherlands, to enclose herewith the text of a memorandum, concerning the rendering of technical and financial assistance to India in order to accelerate the desalinization of the saline soils along the coast of Saurashtra. This text has been mutually agreed upon and duly signed by the heads of the delegations from the Government of the Netherlands and the Government of India during their negotiations at New Delhi on February 16 and 17, 1959.

2. For the relevant texts I may be permitted to refer to the annexes joined to this letter.

3. I have been instructed by the Netherlands Government to suggest that the provisions agreed upon be applied provisionally as from the date of receipt of Your Excellency's reply confirming the approval of the Indian Government of the text joined to this letter. These provisions will formally enter into force on the date of receipt by the Government of India of a notification on behalf of the Netherlands Government that the necessary parliamentary procedure has been observed.

4. Being aware of the magnitude of the salinization problem for India on the one hand and fully confident of a successful result of the present project

¹ Applied provisionally as from 30 April 1959, the date of receipt by the Netherlands Government of the note confirming the approval of the Indian Government; came into force definitively on 18 October 1960, the date of receipt by the Government of India of a notification on behalf of the Netherlands Government that the necessary parliamentary procedure had been observed, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² The Netherlands Embassy.

on the other, I venture to add the wish that the Government of India may decide to apply the experience in accelerated desalinization of soils to other areas.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) H. A. HELB
Netherlands Ambassador

His Excellency the Prime Minister of India
Shri Jawaharlal Nehru
Government of India
New Delhi

MEMORANDUM

Negotiations have been held between officials of the Netherlands and India about technical and financial assistance to India in order to accelerate the desalinization of the saline soils along the coast of Saurashtra.

The arrangements agreed upon are stated below :

The Government of India and the Government of the State of Bombay have included the Bhal Reclamation Scheme in the Saurashtra Peninsula in the budgetary plans of the Second Five Year Plan.

The Government of the Netherlands, desiring to further the aims and objectives of this Scheme, are prepared to render technical and financial assistance to India in order to accelerate the desalinization of the saline soils along the coast of Saurashtra, making use of the special experience gained in the Netherlands in this field, and with a view to increasing the productivity of these soils, thus contributing to the economic development of India and in particular to the rise in the standard of living of the population in that region.

Desirous to co-operate in carrying out this programme the Government of the Netherlands and the Government of India agree that their respective responsibilities will be governed by the following provisions.

Chapter A

1. The Government of the Netherlands are willing to carry out the construction of a pilot polder on the basis of the " Report on Investigations and Plan of Bhal Reclamation Scheme ", presented in December 1957 by the " Netherlands Engineering Consultants ", hereafter to be referred to as NEDECO, containing a masterplan for an area characteristic of the coastal region of Saurashtra and a detailed plan for a pilot polder covering a small part of that area, taking into account the Joint Statement of August 9, 1958, signed by representatives of NEDECO and the Public Works Department of the Government of the State of Bombay.

2. The Government of the Netherlands are further prepared to provide technical assistance for the management and for the running of the pilot polder as well as for car-