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Malaysia to Import Meat, Rice, Kinno from Pakistan

The Malaysian government has assured Pakistan that it will provide a major chunk of its meat import quota and also expressed interest in importing Pakistani rice and kinno.

Federal Food Minister Nazar Mohammad Gondal and Malaysian Minister for Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Datuk Seri Noh bin Haji Omar addressing a Press Conference on Wednesday in Islamabad after attending detailed presentations given by technical teams of both the countries.

The visiting minister said that Pakistan and Malaysia could enhance cooperation in various fields including agriculture. He said that Malaysia at present was interested to enhance trade cooperation in livestock and agriculture fields, adding both the countries had signed two Memoranda of Understanding in that regard.

Federal Minister for Food and Agriculture Nazar Muhammad Gondal told that Pakistan and Malaysia had agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation in the fields of agriculture, livestock and horticulture. A joint working group would be established to work in these fields, he added.

Gondal said there were huge investment opportunities in the agriculture sector of Pakistan and “we commit to working in collaboration with our Malaysian brothers to benefit from each other’s strength.”

He said Pakistan had a list of items that could be traded in Malaysia which included rice, meat and kinno which had a greater potential market.

“Malaysia will import 0.15 million tonnes of rice from Pakistan, besides enhancing imports in meat and orange. It would help Pakistan enhance the production of meat and it would improve the packing and processing of orange for exporting the commodity to Malaysia,”

There were countless investment opportunities in farm mechanisation, seed, oil palm production and post-harvest handling, infrastructure development and horticulture for Malaysian investors.

He also mentioned tunnel farming for growing off-season vegetables and hydroponics for growing fruits and vegetables.

The presentation given to the Malaysian delegation stressed Pakistan’s future thrust on farm mechanisation including manufacturing of tractors, farm machinery and equipment, high efficiency irrigation systems (drip and sprinkle) and solar pumping system.

Gondal said Pakistan desired to upgrade and modernise farming practices in the country so that food security was ensured in future.

“Population explosion, rapid urbanisation, climate change, globalisation and expanding technology are the trends that must be considered well before forming any future strategy for our agriculture sector,” said the farm minister.

The visiting delegates included Malaysian food minister, assistant minister of agriculture and agro-based Industry, honorary investment counsellor of Pakistan in Malaysia and others

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