

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD PULSES RESEARCH CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Pulses Research Conference was held in India recently for the first time;
- (b) if so, the number of agriculture scientists and the foreign delegates participated in the said Conference;
- (c) the background/objectives on the basis of which the said Conference was held; and
- (d) the suggestions made by the participants and the decisions arrived at?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Fourth International Food Legumes Research Conference (IFLRC-IV) was organized for the first time in India by the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding and Indian Council of Agricultural Research from 18-22 October, 2005.
- (b) The conference was attended by nearly 600 agricultural scientists including 96 foreign delegates.
- (c) The major objective of the conference was to review the progress made and to take stock of scientific and technical information on global basis covering all aspects of research and development of food legumes for nutritional security and sustainable agriculture.
- (d) Recommendations that emerged from the deliberations in various sessions are: enhancing research on genomics, molecular aided selection and transgenics for resistance to pod borer; emphasis on development of hybrids in legume crops specially in pigeonpea, and to lay more thrust on development of drought tolerant and short duration varieties of various pulse crops for their use in crop diversification in different cropping systems.