

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RAINFED CULTIVATION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had recently organized two days international conference to explore the possibilities of private and Government participation for rainfed cultivation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) jointly with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) organized a two days International Conference on public private partnership for harnessing the potential of rainfed agriculture during October 19-20,2005 at New Delhi. During the conference deliberations on pro poor public private partnership for higher agricultural growth, public private partnership for investment, public private partnership for supply chain management and public private partnership for sustainable management of natural resources were made. Over 250 participants attended this International Conference including representatives from Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and USA.

The outcome of the Conference has been in terms of its recommendations regarding region specific policies for the development of rainfed areas, increasing investments in agriculture with a special focus on rainfed agriculture, need for introduction of new technologies in post harvest management in rainfed areas, incentivising private sector to invest in infrastructure development in terms of cold chains, warehouses and post harvest facilities and replication of successful models of Public-Private Partnerships in rainfed areas.