

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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WORLD BANK PROJECT

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to fund a \$250 million project which is expected to usher the country in the second green revolution, with simple new technologies to save water and diesel and improve productivity;

(b) if so, the details of the project indicating the technologies to be adopted and their impact on saving water and diesel and the increase in productivity expected thereby; and

(c) the steps being taken to promote such steps and technologies amongst farmers in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh and the World Bank aid expected under the scheme?

**Answer**

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

(a) The World Bank aided National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) with an allocation of \$250 million (US \$ 200 million credit and US \$ 50 million Government of India contribution) is likely to become effective in July, 2006. The project has been negotiated on Feb 12-15, 2006 and will be placed before the World Bank Board for approval in March, 2006.

(b) The overall objective of the project is to facilitate the accelerated and sustainable transformation of Indian agriculture in support of poverty alleviation and income generation by collaborative development and application of agricultural innovations by the public organizations in partnership with farmers' groups, private sector and other stakeholders. The specific objectives are:-

(i) To build the critical capacity of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) as a catalyzing agent for the management of change in the Indian National Agricultural Research System (NARS).

(ii) Research on production to consumption systems in priority areas/themes to enhance productivity, nutrition, profitability, income and employment.

(iii) Research on sustainable rural livelihood security in disadvantaged regions through innovation system led by technology encompassing wider process of social and economic change covering all stakeholders.

(iv) Basic and Strategic research in the frontier areas of agricultural sciences.

With introduction and adoption of technologies particularly in disadvantaged areas, adding value to farm produce from production to consumption and by addressing strategic areas of research, a sustainable specially in terms of water and energy and significant improvement in productivity is expected by the end of the project.

(c) It is expected that many farmers representing Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh will also benefit from the programme. The World Bank credit for the project is expected to be SDR 138.1 million (US \$ 200 million equivalent).