

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the World Bank have been implementing the National Agricultural Innovation Project in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the details of funds so far released by the World Bank under the said project alongwith their terms and conditions; and
- (d) the extent to which post harvesting losses has been reduced since the implementation of the said project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is implementing National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) in India, funded by the World Bank and Government of India.
- (b) The overall objective is to contribute to the sustainable transformation of Indian agricultural sector from an orientation of primarily food self-sufficiency to one in which a market orientation is equally important for poverty alleviation and income generation. The specific objective is to accelerate the collaborative development and application of agricultural innovation between public research organizations, farmers, private sector and other stakeholders.
- (c) Till date a total of Rs.407.97 Cr has been received from the World Bank as reimbursement of expenditure incurred in NAIP. The total project cost is 250.00 million US dollar of which 200 million US dollar is from the World Bank and the 50 million US dollar from the Government of India as counterpart funding. The said funding is received through Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India through an agreement between the World Bank and the Government of India.
- (d) The Project has got 4 components being implemented through 188 sub-projects. There is one component on Production to Consumption Systems Research called as value chain. The objective is to link research output to commercial ventures for sustainable improvement of selected agricultural production to consumption systems (value chains), aiming at higher returns to farmers, processors and others in the chain.

As such there is no project exclusively addressing reduction in post harvest losses.