

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

Answer

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

- (a) The National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) is a World Bank and Govt. of India funded project, being implemented by ICAR.
- (b) The overall objective of the NAIP is to facilitate accelerated and sustainable transformation of Indian agriculture in support of poverty alleviation and income generation. This is achieved by collaborative development and application of agricultural innovations by the public research organizations in partnership with the private sector, the civil society organizations and other stakeholders.
- (c) As per agreement, the World Bank reimburses 80% of total expenditure. Till date total expenditure is approx. 777 crores of which approx. 621.8 crores (unaudited figures) has been reimbursed by the World Bank.

The terms and conditions of the credit are included in Credit Number 4161-IN and 4162-IN, and inter alia cover components such as execution of the project, financial covenants, effective date and dates of termination and miscellaneous provision.
- (d) Value chains operated under NAIP showed reduction in post-harvest losses to the tune of 30% in Jasmine flower, 10% in Mango, 5-10% in Guava and 35-40% in Tuna.