

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INNOVATION IN TECHNOLOGY DISSEMINATION COMPONENT

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

- (a) the salient features of `Innovation in Technology Dissemination Component` funded by the World Bank;
- (b) the States chosen for implementing this scheme and the basis of their selection;
- (c) whether the Union Government have included Tamil Nadu in the said scheme for development of agriculture for strengthening the extension services; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Innovations in Technology Dissemination (ITD) Component of the World Bankfunded National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) proposes to:

? establish innovative and decentralized institutional arrangements for technology dissemination at district level and below with greater emphasis on group approach, farmer participatory methodologies, bottom-up planning producers making the system more demanded-driven and farmer-accountable.

? Revamp the extension service to make it pluralistic multi-agency system and

? Harness the strengths of Public sector, Private sector, Media and Information Technology.

(b): It is being pilot tested in the Seven States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, HimachalPradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Orissa and Punjab covering four districts in each. The selection of the project states/districts has been made on the basis of agro-ecological consideration and status of agricultural development and extension services.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Question does not arise.