

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WORKSHOP ON REFORMS IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Regional Workshop on Reforms in Agricultural Extension was held in the month of May, 2003 jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture and the World Bank;
- (b) if so, whether the experts from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan also attended this workshop; and
- (c) if so, the outcome of the discussions held therein?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The workshop provided for refining the following areas of extension reforms:

- ? Public delivery of extension in decentralized systems,
- ? Public-Private partnership in technology dissemination,
- ? Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT),
- ? Human Resource Development (HRD) strategies,
- ? Ensuring access to extension to women and vulnerable groups, and
- ? Implementing effective Monitoring and Evaluation systems.