

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROGRAMME AT AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Centre for Trade in Agriculture and Agro-based Industries, New Delhi in association with Central Institute for Cotton Research held a 2-day capacity building programme on `Globalised Agricultural Economy` at Shankarnagar in Pune;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the aim of organizing such a programme and the message for general public;
- (d) the details of Organizations took part in the meet;
- (e) whether such programmes will be held in future regularly; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The Indian Council of Agriculture Research in association with the Centre for International Trade in Agriculture and Agro-based Industries (CITA), New Delhi organized a capacity building programme on `Indian Agriculture Research, Extension and Development Organisation in Globalised Agricultural Economy` at the Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur during March 3-4, 2006.
- (b): This two day programme included an awareness seminar on the challenges faced by Indian agriculture and agro-based industries under the WTO regime; changes in the global scenario in world agriculture markets; changes in the global scenario in world livestock markets; innovations in the agri-food sector in the world market; ecological and social issues in agri-food trade; and transparency and ethical issues in food trade. The programme also included a capacity issues in the agri-food industry, and accountability and transparency issues in food trade.
- (c): The aim of organizing this programme was to sensitize the scientists, university staff, entrepreneurs, state officials, farmers, media and other interest groups to the trade dimensions of agricultural research in order to improve the commercial viability of the agricultural produce for the benefit of the farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs.
- (d): The programme was attended by 86 participants from 14 organizations which included seven ICAR Institutes and seven State Agricultural Universities located in Central India.
- (e)&(f): Such programmes are organized by the Government from time to time as per the felt requirements.