

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government intends to enter into foreign ties for investments in research and development in the agricultural sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts being made to consider adopting high technologies for modernisation and increase of production in the field of agriculture?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c): The Government has entered into a credit agreement with the World Bank for implementing National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) and with USA for Agricultural Knowledge Initiative.

The National Agricultural Innovation Project supported with US \$ 200 million credit from the Word Bank is being implemented from July, 2006 for a period of six years. The National Agricultural Innovation Project will contribute to,

- (a) attaining excellence in science by strengthening basic and strategic research in agricultural sciences,
- (b) higher income through research on production to consumption system and
- (c) poverty alleviation through research on sustainable rural livelihood improvement.

The project is implemented in consortium mode mostly through competitive funding.

The Agricultural Knowledge Initiative will focus on

- (a) human resource development,
- (b) food processing, by product utilization and bio-fuels,
- (c) biotechnology, and
- (d) water management.

The budget for 2006-07 is Rs.5 crore from Government of India and US \$ 8 million from USA.