

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank funded National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) has failed to reach the satisfactory levels due to its conclusion in 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the project failed to make much progress in developing international collaborations in research; and
- (d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The project was approved for 5 years (November 1998 to December, 2003) and concluded in June, 2005, after extension of 11/2 years. The project was completed as per the original planning schedule designed by the World Bank and Indian Counterparts. The World Bank in its Implementation Completion Report (ICR) rated the project satisfactory in all the components in terms of achievements as per the developmental objectives.

(c) & (d): Developing international collaborations in research was not the objective of the project.