

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4796
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/07/2019

PROJECT ANANTHA

4796. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 'Project Anantha' formulated by a high-level Committee headed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and approved in 2013 by the erstwhile Planning Commission for the drought prone district of Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 7676 crore was launched on 3rd January, 2014 at Anantapur District headquarters and whether it was closed post bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the present status of 'Project Anantha' which is a holistic project to develop the drought prone Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh?

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THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री **(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

(a) to (c): No, Sir. At the behest of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, a high level ICAR expert committee studied the agricultural situation in Anantapur district and submitted a technical report. Taking cognizance of the report, the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh submitted "Project Anantha" proposal to the erstwhile Planning Commission for approval, which approved "One Time Additional Central Assistance (OTACA)" of Rs. 30.00 crore during Annual Plan 2013-14 to "Project Anantha" for combating drought in Anantapur district through Innovative Agriculture Practices. The Government of India had released Rs. 24.18 crore on 30th March 2014 for it. The approval of OTACA to "Project Anantha" was accorded on the assurance of the State Govt. that there would be no duplication with other on-going Government of India programmes/schemes and that it would be implemented within the guidelines of the OTACA.
