

Development of marine fisheries

3056. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given approval for implementation of centrally sponsored scheme on development of marine fisheries; and

(b) if so, the amount released for renovation of Tadri Fishing Harbour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India have approved the proposal for renovation of Tadri Fishing Harbour in Uttar Kannada District of Karnataka. A sum of Rs. 10.00 lakhs has been released as central share during March 2006.

Agencies/Institutions associated with NAIP

3057. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 1200 crores plan has been formulated to strengthen the agricultural research, as part of the "renewed emphasis" on shoring up farm revenue; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific areas identified for focused research, and also the agencies/institutions associated with the project and financial allocations earmarked for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The Government has formulated and approved the National Agriculture Innovation Project for US \$ 250 million (approximately Rs. 1200 crore).

(b) The overall objective of the project is to facilitate the accelerated and sustainable transformation of Indian agriculture in support of poverty alleviation and income generation by collaborative development and application of agricultural innovations by the public organizations in partnership with farmers' groups, private sector and other stakeholder. The specific objectives to address focused attention are:—

- (i) To build the critical capacity of the ICAR as a catalyzing agent for the management of change in the Indian NARS.

- (ii) Research on production to consumption systems in priority areas/themes to enhance productivity, nutrition, profitability, income and employment.
- (iii) Research on sustainable rural livelihood security in disadvantaged regions through innovation system led by technology encompassing wider process of social and economic change covering all stakeholders.
- (iv) Basic and Strategic research in the frontier areas of agricultural sciences.

The possible stakeholders associated with the project will be from ICAR institutions, SAUs, General Universities, Private Sector, NGOs including Farmer Groups. The regional sensitization meetings for building awareness among the stakeholders are in progress.

Jatropha cultivation

3058. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of information and guidance, jatropha cultivation an alternate sustainable energy source for bio-fuel, is not catching up rapidly;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to create a separate department exclusively for jatropha development;

(c) the steps Government have taken for its research and development as jatropha cultivation involves sustainable development process leading to large-scale employment of rural manpower; and

(d) whether funds have been allotted to all the States exclusively for jatropha development; if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The information on various aspects including package of practices on nursery raising & plantations of jatropha is being disseminated through training programmes organized for farmers under a central sector scheme "Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds" implemented by National Oilseeds & Vegetable Oils Development (NOVOD) Board during 10th Plan.