

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.