

1. To establish a new commercial jigging fishery for oceanic squids in the Central Arabian Sea and to determine the resilience of the species to exploitation.
2. Develop protocols for onboard prevention and processing of oceanic squids and to enhance organoleptic characteristics of oceanic squids.
3. Develop value-added products from oceanic squids.
4. Determine the techno-economic feasibility of commercial distant water squid jigging operations.
5. Develop market intelligence on global oceanic squid markets and products and develop export and domestic marketing channels through private partnership.

(d) and (e) The NAIP subprojects do not address to East Coast EEZ. However, the results generated from these could be used for the East Coast also, to the extent applicable.

Policy for development in Agriculture sector

†1724. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that interest in adopting agriculture as a means of better livelihood is decreasing in the country which is adversely affecting agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any policy for development of agriculture sector and to make agriculture a better means of livelihood; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) to (d) The National Policy for Farmers, 2007 addresses various problems being faced by farmers in a comprehensive manner including improving economic viability of farming to substantially increase the net income of farmers. Provisions of National Policy for Farmers are being implemented through various ongoing programmes and schemes of Government which, inter alia, include significant increase in investment in agricultural and allied sector through various schemes such as Rashtriya

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Krishi Vikas Yojna, National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, National Mission on Micro Irrigation, extending Green Revolution to Eastern India, Macro Management on Agriculture, National Agriculture Insurance Scheme, Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme, Strengthening of States' Extension Services, Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses, increasing credit availability to farmers etc. and strengthening Marketing infrastructure.

The Minimum Support Prices of major crops have also been increased in the range of 42% to 84% in case of cereals, upto 114% in case of pulses and 104% in case of oilseeds during 2005-06 to 2010-11 for the benefit of farmers.

Health centres for domestic animals in rural areas

†1725. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government proposes to establish health centres in each village for the healthcare of domestic animals like cow, ox, buffaloes, sheep, goat etc. belonging to farmers, especially those of rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the distance, in kilometers, at which health centres and doctors are available for healthcare of such animals, particularly in rural areas, as on date;

(d) whether all kinds of medicines and doctors are available at such health centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) to (e) The Central Government has no proposal to establish health centres in each village for the healthcare of domestic animals. Setting up of Veterinary Health Centres in the states is the prerogative of the State Governments as per their need and policies. The Central Government has, however, launched a programme from the current financial year called 'Establishment/Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals/Dispensaries' by providing financial assistance to improve the infrastructural facilities in the states by way of construction of new buildings, strengthening the existing buildings and for provision of furniture, machinery, equipment etc. Accordingly, financial assistance is being provided to the states as per the proposals received in the department under the scheme.

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