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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any plan to utilise International Development Association credits for the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) for helping the deep sea fisheries sector;
- (b) if so, the projects which will come under the focus of the Government in the deep sea fisheries sector under the NAIP;
- (c) the funds and targets earmarked under the NAIP for deep sea fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ);
- (d) whether the focus will be on the West-Coast EEZ under the NAIP; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, NAIP includes subprojects for deep sea fisheries sector with International Development Association credit.

(b) NAIP is supporting following two subprojects on deep sea fisheries sector:

A Value Chain on Oceanic Tuna Fisheries in Lakshadweep Sea.

Utilization Strategy for Oceanic Squids in Arabian Sea: A value Chain Approach.

(c) The funds and targets under deep sea fisheries are as follows:-

1. A Value Chain on Oceanic Tuna Fisheries in Lakshadweep Sea (Lead Centre – Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi).

Budget: Rs.663.22 lakhs (01-04-2008 to 30-06-2012)

The subproject has been envisaged with the following objectives:

1. To evolve effective fishing methods for Lakshadweep Sea to increase and sustain production of oceanic tunas, and related resources by assessing the status and health of the stocks and ecosystems.

2. To develop technologies on hygienic and improved handling, processing and packaging and high value products.

3. To transfer the new fishing and processing technologies and marketing strategies to the stakeholders and empower their efficiency and socio-economic status.

4. To ensure sea food safety and health assurance to the consumers.

2. Utilization Strategy for Oceanic Squids in Arabian Sea: A value Chain Approach (Lead Centre – Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi)

Budget: Rs.541.3 lakhs (24-02-2009 to 30-06-2012)

The subproject has been envisaged with the following objectives:

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) & (e): The two subprojects listed above address to West Coast EEZ. The budget and objectives of the two sub projects are included in (c) above.