and productivity.

- Diversification in activities including fishery culture, piggery & sheep rearing etc., so as to make the best use of the available resources.
- Use of agro-chemicals so as to ensure pest control thereby getting increased yield.
- Training of the field staff in the of the latest technology and knowhow.
- 8. Expansion of marketing net work.

Matsya Fed Project in Kerala

10300. SHRI A. VUAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Co-operative Development Council (NCDC) have received any proposal of matsya fed from Government of Kerala; and
 - (b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), on the request of the State Government of Kerala, has already extended the project area of phase-I to include 17 villages in addition to 15 initially sanctioned in the project districts of Cannanore, Eranakulam and Trivandrum. NCDC has also agreed (i) to extend the project area to include the District of Kasargode which has been formed by the reorganisation of the original Cannanore district and (ii) to extend the integrated projects to cover such addi-

tional non-project villages which are members of project primary Marine Fisheries Cooperative Societies.

Allotment of Hilly Land in Andaman And Nicobar Islands

10301. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether representations have been received by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration in connection with the allotment of hilly land as per the terms and conditions of Colonisation Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such persons to whom land is proposed to be allotted; and
- (c) the time by which they are likely to be allotted the land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the A&N Administration and will be placed on the Table of the House

Passenger Shipping Service Between Andaman and Mainland

10302. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether passenger service between Andaman and Mainland has been badly affected for want of adequate number of passenger ships;
- (b) if so, the reasons for non-availability of ships;
- (c) whether any immediate measures are proposed to be taken for providing pas-