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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a World Bank Financed Scheme on the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) is under implementation at present;
- (b) if so, the details of the States in which the scheme is being implemented;
- (c) the detail of the area in Maharashtra where the scheme is being implemented;
- (d) whether any targets have been fixed for poverty alleviation and income generation through public organization in partnership with farmers groups and private sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. So far, 4 projects have been sanctioned for implementation under the component on research on sustainable livelihood security covering backward districts identified by the Planning Commission. The districts covered in these 4 projects lie in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

(c) to (e): In Maharashtra, the project covers the areas in the districts of Ahemadnagar, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Yavatmal and Nandurbar. The targets fixed include, increased farm productivity of participating farmers by 75 percent, increased milk production of small and large ruminants per lactation and increased local employment opportunity by 60 percent in on-farm and off-farm activities, and higher realization of price of farm products through post harvest management, value addition and market linkages by 20 percent. However, these targets are state specific.