

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 27.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**VETERINARY SERVICES AT DOOR STEPS .**

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SHRI K.E. ISMAIL

Will the Minister of COALCOAL AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government is aware that with the advent of commercialization, the traditional livestock farmers now rear more than 3-4 cows which are highly productive and they expect veterinary services at door-steps owing to the constraints in transporting animals to veterinary institutions;

(b) if so, whether Government of Kerala has made a proposal to include schemes for providing round the clock and door-step veterinary services to the farmers under the Central Government schemes to provide assistance to such activities in future to support commercial dairying in the State; and

(c) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, "National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding" (NPCBB) for genetic upgradation of bovine population on priority basis. One of the objectives of the scheme is to arrange delivery of quality breeding inputs and services at the farmers' door-step. Kerala is participating under the scheme since 2001-02 and central assistance to the tune of Rs. 33.77 crore has been released to the State including Rs 300.00 lakh released during current year.