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NEW ANIMAL HUSBANDRY PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether new animal husbandry projects are coming up in Orissa and Manipur to raise alien poultry breeds especially the Australian Emu and Turkey;

(b) whether Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) are now equipped to offer advice to Indian farmers on raising such alien poultry stocks which are considered much higher disease resistant than our traditional poultry birds; and

(c) the major Emu rearing projects that are coming up across the country under the guidance of KVKs ?

ANSWER

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

(PROF. K.V.THOMAS)

(a) Yes, Sir. It is known that a few NGOs have started commercial operations for emu and turkey rearing in Orissa and Manipur. Under a Central Sector Scheme, `Poultry Venture Capital Fund` being implemented throughout the country, there is a provision for establishment of emu and turkey farms, among other species of poultry.

(b) The KVKs receive regular technology backstopping from State Agriculture Universities for innovative technologies and issues pertaining to livestock and poultry production and their management. Based on technological requirements, KVKs provide guidance to the poultry farmers in their district and also undertake the mandated activities such as On-Farm Trail (OFT), Front Line Demonstration (FLD) and training of farmers and rural youth.

(c) No, Sir. There are no major emu rearing projects coming up across the country under the guidance of KVKs.