

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES
RAJYA SABHA
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UID FOR COWS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to assign four crore milk producing cows a unique identity number;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;
- (c) whether the Ministry has acquired the Unique Identity technology for this purpose, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the cost of each UID card;
- (e) the amount allocated for this purpose; and
- (f) the other steps taken by Government to improve milk production in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India is undertaking identification of in-milk cattle and buffaloes, using 12 digit unique identification number for the purpose of scientific breeding of animals, control of spread of diseases, increasing trade of milk and milk products. This is being implemented under the "Pashu Sanjivni" component of the scheme National Mission on Bovine Productivity.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. Information Network for Animal Productivity & Health (INAPH) has already been developed by National Dairy Development Board and being used as National Data Base for uploading data of animals identified using poly urethane tags with 12 digit unique identification number and it is as per the International Committee on Animal Recording. The cost of each polyurethane tags ranges from Rs 8 to 12. Allocation of Rs 148 crore has been made under the component Pashu Sanjivni for identification and issuing Nakul Swastya Patra (Health Cards) to 90 million animals in milk. Component of the scheme is being implemented on 60: 40 Central: State share basis. Amount of Rs 75 crore as Central share has already been released to the States for implementation of the component.

(f) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the State to enhance milk production in the country Government of India has been implementing following programmes/schemes:

- i) Rashtriya Gokul Mission with aim of development and conservation of indigenous breeds and enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovine population.
- ii) National Dairy Plan-I with the aim of enhancing production of productivity of milch animals and to provide rural milk producers greater access to the organized milk processing centre. The scheme also has focus on development and conservation of 12 indigenous breeds of cattle and buffaloes.
- iii) Livestock Health and Disease Control for tackling the issues of livestock health assistance is released under the scheme to the States & UTs.
- iv) National Livestock Mission having sub mission on Feed & Fodder Development for increasing fodder availability in the country and Livestock Development with the component for providing insurance coverage to bovines along with other livestock species.
- v) Government has also established three subordinate organizations namely, (a) Central Cattle Breeding Farms (CCBFs) (b) Central Herd registration Scheme and (c) Central Frozen Semen Production & Training Institute. These institutes playing crucial role in supply of high genetic merit bulls and semen doses of indigenous breeds.
- vi) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research through its research institutes is undertaking genetic improvement and conservation of indigenous breeds.
