

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2018

SCHEME TO PROMOTE ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

1121. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

(a) whether Government has launched any special scheme to promote animal husbandry amongst farmers to earn additional income which is likely to utilise crop residue and also produce organic manure for use in agricultural activities to increase productivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of technical and financial assistance extended to farmers for domestication of cows, buffaloes, sheep and goats in Maharashtra, district-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SMT. KRISHNA RAJ)**

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India is implementing the following schemes to enhance milk production and productivity of bovines thereby enhancing farmer's income and which also have significant effect in reducing crop residue productivity and provide organic manure for good health of soil.

1. Rashtriya Gokul Mission
 - a. National Programme for Bovine Breeding
 - b. Indigenous Breeds
 - c. National Mission on Bovine Productivity
2. Breed Improvement Institutes
 - a. Central Cattle Breeding Farms
 - b. Central Herd Registration Schemes
 - c. Central Frozen Semen Production & Training Institutes
3. National Dairy Plan-I .

In addition to this, the scheme namely Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) is being implemented through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) which provides financial assistance to commercially bankable projects with loans from Commercial, Cooperative, Urban and Rural banks with a back ended subsidy of 25% of the project cost to the beneficiaries of general category and 33.33% of the project cost to Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries. One of the components of Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme is establishment of small dairy unit of 2 to 10 crossbred cows or indigenous cows/ graded buffaloes. Since inception of the scheme, a total of 21687 Dairy units have been established in the State of Maharashtra with back ended capital subsidy of Rs.11374.95 lakh (funds channelized through NABARD).

Further, a Centrally Sponsored scheme namely, National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development is being implemented since 2014-15 with a component “Establishment of high capacity fodder block making units” thereby promoting conservation of fodder, and converting crop residues into fodder blocks. To promote entrepreneurship and generate employment in small ruminant sector, total 182 farmers have been assisted with back ended subsidy of Rs.276.529 lakh(fund channelized through NABARD) for sheep & goat husbandry since 2014-15 under Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation (EDEG) of National Livestock Mission in Maharashtra.

The details of technical and financial assistance provided under the aforementioned schemes, district-wise, in the States are not maintained centrally. However, during the last four year (2014-15 to 2017-18), an assistance of Rs. 131.31 crore has been provided to Maharashtra under the above-said schemes except DEDS.
