

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 415
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th DECEMBER 2022

VACANT POST OF CHAIRMAN IN NDDB

415 Shri Pramod Tiwari:
 Shri Digvijaya Singh:
 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) does not have a regular Chairman since December 2020;
- (b) whether an Executive Director is functioning as the Managing Director and Chairman of NDDB since December 2020;
- (c) whether Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying was made in-charge of the post of Chairman of NDDB and if so, the period thereof;
- (d) for (a) to (c) above, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when Government would appoint a regular Chairman for NDDB?

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**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Shri Meenesh C Shah has been functioning as the Executive Director, NDDB, and holding the additional charge of the Chairman NDDB from 01.06.2021 to 14.11.2022. On the basis of the decision taken by the NDDB Board, Shri Meenesh C Shah, Executive Director, NDDB, Anand, has been appointed as Managing Director with effect from 15.11.2022. As such, Shri Meenesh C Shah has been functioning as Managing Director, NDDB with effect from 15.11.2022 and was holding the additional charge of Chairman, NDDB till 30.11.2022. A proposal for further extension of additional charge of Chairman, NDDB to Shri Meenesh C Shah, for a period of six months w.e.f. 01.12.2022 or till the regular chairman takes charge, has been sent to the Nodal Department for their approval.

(c) Yes Sir. Ms. Varsha Joshi, *the then* Joint Secretary in the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, held the additional charge of the post of Chairman, NDDB, from 01.12.2020 to 31.05.2021.

(d) & (e) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, with the approval of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), has constituted a Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC) to recommend a regular incumbent for the post of Chairman, NDDB.
