GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1025 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04^{TH} DECEMBER 2024

IMPLEMENTATION OF RASHTRIYA GOKUL MISSION

1025. SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) alongwith the achievement made since its inception;
- (b) the number of Gokul Grams sanctioned in Rajasthan under the said mission;
- (c) the manner in which financial assistance is provided to those who set up Gokul Grams under RGM:
- (d) whether rural level Integrated Indigenous Cattle Centres have been established by Government under the RGM and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) whether there is any incentive for the protection of sick, non-milk-producing and elderly bovines under this mission?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a): The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) since 2014 for development and conservation of indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovines. The salient features of the scheme are: (i) to enhance productivity of bovines and increasing milk production in a sustainable manner using advanced technologies; (ii) to propagate use of high genetic merit bulls for breeding purposes; (iii) to enhance Artificial insemination coverage through strengthening breeding network and delivery of Artificial insemination services at farmers doorstep and (iv) to promote indigenous cattle & buffalo rearing and conservation in a scientific and holistic manner.

Due to implementation of Rashtriya Gokul Mission and other measures undertaken by the Department milk production in country has increased by 63.56 % during the past 10 years from 146.3 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 239.30 million metric tonnes in 2023-24. Milk production in

the country is growing at the annual growth rate of 5.7 % during the past 10 years and whereas, world milk production is growing at 2% per annum. Per capita availability of milk in the country is more than 471 gram/person/day during the year 2023-24 against the per capita availability of 322 gram/ person/ day in the world. The physical target and achievement of Rashtriya Gokul Mission is at Annexure-I.

- (b) to (d): Under Rashtriya Gokul Mission funds have been released as 100% Grant in aid for setting up of Gokul Grams as Integrated Indigenous Cattle Development Centers with the aim of conservation and development of indigenous bovine breeds in a scientific and holistic manner. Under the scheme Gokul Grams have not been established in the state of Rajasthan however, a total of Rs. 2754.77 lakhs have been released under various other components of Rashtriya Gokul Mission to Rajasthan in last 3 years for implementation of Rashtriya Gokul Mission. Further, as per the revised and realigned guidelines of Rashtriya Gokul Mission for 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 the component Gokul Grams has been discontinued under the scheme. State-wise details of the Gokul Grams (Integrated Indigenous Cattle Development Centers) sanctioned/established under Rashtriya Gokul Mission is at Annexure-II.
- (e) Under Article 246(3) of the Constitution of India, matters related to the preservation, protection, and improvement of livestock, prevention of animal diseases, and veterinary training fall under the State List, granting states exclusive legislative powers. Additionally, Article 243(W) entrusts local bodies with responsibilities such as managing cattle pounds and pinjrapoles. Many states have already established Gaushalas and shelter houses to feed and care for such animals. Under Rashtriya Gokul Mission there is no provision of incentive for the protection of sick, non-milk-producing and elderly bovines. However, the Animal Welfare Board of India provides financial assistance to Animal Welfare Organizations under various schemes namely Regular Grant, Rescue Cattle Grant, Provision of Shelter House for looking after the Animals, Provision of Ambulance for the animals in distress and Natural Calamity grant. Further, Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) is implemented for providing assistance for control of animal diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease, Brucellosis and also to provide assistance to State Governments for Control of other infectious diseases of livestock including dairy animals.

Targets and Achievements made under RGM

Components under RGM	Targets	Achievements	
Strengthening of existing semen stations (in nos.)	44	47	
Progeny testing (Bulls in Nos.)	3,700	3,988	
Pedigree selection (Bulls in Nos.)	1,000		
Production of bulls through embryos (in nos.)	7,900		
Genomic selection (in Nos.)	50,000	48,451	
Import of bulls (Bulls in Nos.)	1,000	250	
Implementation of IVF Technology	1,15,000	12,846-Embryo transferred & 2019 calves born 22,896- embryos produced	
Establishment of ETT/IVF Labs (in nos.)	10	22	
Breed Multiplication farms (in nos.)	125	132	
Establishment of MAITRIs in nos.	40,000	38,736	
Training of MAITRIs in nos.	40,000		
AI programme (animals in million)	165	101.73	
Promoting sex sorted semen (in million doses)	12.20	11.21	
Skill Development	74,333	74,333	

Annexure- II State-wise details of the Gokul Grams sanctioned/ established under Rashtriya Gokul Mission

Name of the State	Number of	Location of Gokul Gram	
	Gokul		
	Grams		
Andhra Pradesh	1	Cattle Breeding farm, Chadalawada, Prakasam district	
Telangana	1	PV Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University	
Karnataka	1	Amrithmahal, Subcenter, Lingadahalli, Chikkamagaluru, District	
Gujarat	1	Dharampur, Dist: Porbandar	
Madhya Pradesh	1	Cattle Breeding Farm, Ratona, Sagar	
Maharashtra	2	Bull Mother Farm, Tathwade Dist.Pune	
		Bull Mother Farm, Pohara Dist.Amravati	
Punjab	1	Bir Dosanjh Nabha	
Haryana	1	Hisar	
Himachal Pradesh	1	Thanakhas District Una	
Uttar Pradesh	3	DUVASU Mathura	
		Arazilines Varanasi	
		Simra Viran, Shahjahanpur	
Arunachal	1	Tezu, Lohit	
Pradesh			
Chhattisgarh	1	Institutional Gokul Gram Jhalam, District-Bemetra	
Bihar	1	Dumraon, Buxar	