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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1812  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**AGRICULTURE AND POULTRY INDUSTRY IN NAMAKKAL**

1812 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Namakkal is a major hub for poultry farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps Government is taking to support the poultry industry in the district, especially in terms of subsidies for feed, veterinary care, and export incentives;
- (c) how the Central Government is planning to assist poultry farmers in Namakkal to cope with rising input costs and fluctuating market prices; and
- (d) updated details on any central schemes focused on promoting organic farming in Namakkal, and how farmers can access these benefits?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes, Namakkal is claimed to be one of the highest egg producing districts in India.
- (b) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing National Livestock Mission Scheme. Under the Entrepreneurship programme under the said scheme, the Central Government is providing 50% capital subsidy upto ₹ 25 lakh for establishment of rural poultry breeding farms. Further, under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), the Central Government is providing 3% interest subvention on the loan amount taken *inter alia* for establishment of breed multiplication farm including the poultry breeding farm. Under the National Livestock Mission - Entrepreneurship Development Program (NLM-EDP), projects have been approved in the state of Tamil Nadu for poultry with a project cost of ₹3.16 crore and an approved subsidy of ₹1.21 crore.

Further, under Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme, the Central Government is supporting all States/UTs including the state of Tamil Nadu for prophylactic vaccination, capacity building, disease diagnosis, research & innovation, training etc. Under the Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD), assistance is provided for poultry vaccine. Under Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH&DC), the fund of Rs. 644.51 Lakh and Rs. 235.31 Lakh has been released to the state of Tamil Nadu during FY 2023-24 and 2024-25 respectively.

The Department supports the poultry industry by adopting the tool of declaring Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)-free poultry compartments. Through compartmentalization, India facilitates international trade of poultry products like meat and eggs. This initiative enhances market access, strengthens animal health, minimizes disease outbreak risks, and contributes to India's economic growth.

- (c) There was a demand from poultry farmers associations including the poultry farmers from Namakkal to import GM soya meal due to rise in its price. Government of India took series of measures including allowing import of 12 Lakhs MT of soyameal which in turn reduced the price of GM Soyameal thus controlling of feed cost. Due to intervention by the Government of India, the ingredient like Maize, soyameal, Deoiled rice Bran(DORB) are in control which in turn has reduced the feed cost which covers 70% cost of poultry production. Measure has also been taken to prohibit export of DORB. The Government has also banned trading of soya meal in the future market in National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX). These consolidated policy decisions helped in lowering of input cost which also benefitted the farmers to reduce the input cost.
- (d) Government is promoting organic farming on priority in the country for improving soil health and water retention through Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojna (PKVY) in all the States/UTs including Tamil Nadu and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER).

Under PKVY, assistance of Rs. 31,500 per ha for a period of three years is provided for promotion of organic farming to cover different components. Out of this, assistance of Rs. 15,000 per ha for a period of three years is provided to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer for on-farm/off-farm organic inputs majority biofertilizers.

Under MOVCDNER, assistance of Rs. 46,500/ha for 3 years is provided for creation of Farmer Producer Organization, support to farmers for organic inputs etc. Out of this, assistance @ Rs. 32,500/ha for 3 years is provided to farmers for off-farm/on-farm organic inputs under the scheme including Rs. 15,000 as Direct Benefit Transfer to the farmers.

The Schemes of Organic Farming are being implemented by the Agricultural Department of the State Governments, hence the farmers can access the benefits of the scheme by contacting Agricultural Department of the State Government.

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