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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11Th MARCH, 2026

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR DAIRY DEVELOPMENT IN GUJARAT

*201. SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

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

- (a) the year-wise details of funds allocated, released and disbursed by Government to Gujarat under the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) during the last three years;
- (b) amount of such funds actually utilised in Gujarat for strengthening dairy infrastructure, enhancing productivity and increasing farmers' income;
- (c) monitoring mechanisms in place and corrective steps taken to ensure timely and effective utilisation of NPDD funds and to accelerate dairy development in Gujarat; and
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any comparative assessment of Gujarat's dairy development model to replicate its cooperatives-led best practices, value-chain integration and farmer-centric initiatives and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.201 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2026 REGARDING “NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR DAIRY DEVELOPMENT IN GUJARAT”

(a) & (b) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) is implementing Central Sector Scheme- “National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)” across the country since 2014-15 with the aim to enhance the quality of milk and milk products and increase share of organized procurement, processing, value addition and marketing.

Under NPDD scheme, since inception, 9 projects have been approved in Gujarat with the total outlay of Rs.556.14 crore (including Central Government share of Rs.339.18 crore). The year-wise details of funds available, released and actually utilized by Gujarat under NPDD scheme during the last three years is as under: -

(Rs. in crore)					
Year	Opening balance (at the start of financial year)	Funds Released*	Funds Returned	Total funds available	Funds Utilised
2022-23	136.78	0.00	0.00	136.78	32.29
2023-24	104.50	5.74	0.21	110.02	21.36
2024-25	88.67	30.00	4.15	114.52	111.37

*Since the scheme is demand driven, State-wise allocation of funds is not made and funds are released to States based on utilisation of previously released funds.

(c) Under NPDD scheme, both at Central and State Level, monitoring mechanism are in place. Central Project Steering Committee and Project Sanctioning Committee chaired by Union Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying and State Level Technical Management Committee Chaired by Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry of the State concerned approves/recommends new projects and reviews the implementation of the approved projects. In addition, National Level and Regional Level review meetings are organised with States to monitor the progress of projects/schemes of DAHD, GOI including NPDD scheme. DAHD has also appointed National Level Monitors, consisting of independent experts, to ensure transparent on-ground monitoring of key schemes included NPDD scheme. These mechanisms ensure timely and effective utilisation of NPDD funds and accelerate dairy development in States including Gujarat State.

(d) Acknowledging the success of Gujarat’s dairy development model, Government of India had established National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) in 1965 for replicating the Anand pattern of dairy cooperatives system across the country to increase milk production, promote rural development, and achieve self-sufficiency. Due to this initiative, at present, there are 22 State Level Cooperative Milk Federations, 241 District Level Cooperative Milk Unions and about 2.45 lakh villages level dairy cooperative societies in the country providing year-round market access, fair price and technical/input support to about 1.65 crore farmers associated with it.

At present, the cooperatives-led best practices & successful initiatives like Biogas/ Manure Management, Leveraging the Dairy Cooperative Network for value chain integration with Fruit & vegetable and Ethnoveterinary medicine (EVM) are also being taken forward across the country for replication.
