GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2373 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd JANUARY, 2018

NDDB CATTLE FEED KNOWLEDGE PORTAL

2373. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government proposed and launched NDDB cattle feed knowledge portal as an interactive knowledge platform on various aspects of compound cattle feed production, if so ,the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government needs to ensure good quality cattle feed and mineral mixture to improve per animal productivity and meet international standards as India is the largest milk producer in the world and there is an ample scope to improve further in this regard.

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

- (a) Compound cattle feed, being an important source of nutrients in the ration, plays an important role in determining the overall economics of dairy production system. Usually, all information pertaining to cattle feed plant is not available from a single source. In view of this, NDDB has developed a cattle feed plant knowledge portal for the feed manufacturers to get thorough information on the specification of various type of feeds, raw material specifications and access to least cost feed (LCF) formulation software to derive LCF formulation.
- (b) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Livestock Mission since 2014-15 with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development with various components viz., Establishment of Fodder Block Making Units, Bypass protein making units, Area Specific Mineral Mixture/Feed pelleting and Feed manufacturing units, Establishment/ Modernization of Feed Testing laboratories. Under the Sub Mission, financial assistance is being provided to the States and Union Territories so that good quality cattle feed and mineral mixture can be provided to the dairy farmers thereby improving milk and animal productivity
