

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES  
LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 2504  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2018

**PROTECTION TO INDIGENOUS BOVINE BREEDS**

2504 SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any mission to promote the natural breeding of vechur cattle as its milk is considered good for health and medicines, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of programmes and schemes implemented by the Government to protect indigenous bovines along with the details of allocations set aside, yearwise during the last three years;
- (c) whether the importing of foreign bovine breeds have adversely affected the demand of indigenous breeds among Indian farmers and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the country's indigenous cattle breeds including the Gujarati Gir and Sahiwal of Punjab and Rajasthan are facing a decline in demand from farmers; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government to enhance the demand of indigenous breeds of the country?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission with the aim of development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds including Vechur breed of cattle in Kerala.
- (b) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States for development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is implementing following schemes:
  - (i) Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)

- (a) National Programme for Bovine Breeding
  - (b) Indigenous Breeds
  - (c) National Mission on Bovine Productivity
- (ii) National Dairy Plan-I
- (iii) Breed Improvement Institutes
- (a) Central cattle Breeding Farms
  - (b) Central Herd Registration Scheme
  - (c) Central Frozen Semen Production & Training Institute

Budget allocated year wise during the last three years and current year is as under:

Rs in crore

S. No.	Scheme	2014-15 (Actual exp)	2015-16 (Actual exp)	2016-17 (Actual exp)	2017-18 (BE)
1.	Rashtriya Gokul Mission	159.02	81.76	118.64	190.00
2.	National Dairy Plan	164.00	300.00	314.32	389.98
3.	Breed Improvement Institutes	40.79	40.21	48.20	60.00

Part (c) No, Madam, As per the 19<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census (2012) country has 151.17 million cattle out 190.9 total cattle population which is 79.18% of the total cattle population.

Part (d) & (e) Demand for indigenous cattle breeds including Gir of Gujarat, Sahiwal of Punjab and Rajasthan has been increasing since inception Rashtriya Gokul Mission in December 2014.

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