

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. *422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY 2019

INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY OF DAIRY ANIMALS

*422. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes any scheme to increase productivity of dairy animals, as India has the highest number of dairy cows in the world but has a low average annual milk yield of cattle (1172 kg per cow), which is only about 50 per cent of the global average and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes a Union Government-sponsored Cattle Insurance Scheme for the benefit of cattle rearers who are forced to pay high premiums to private insurance companies at present; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the time by which this is likely to be achieved?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *422 INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY OF DAIRY ANIMALS TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY 2019.

(a) As per Food and Agriculture Organization Statistics (FAOSTAT) for the year 2017 the average productivity of Indian cow is 1643 kg/animal/year and Indian buffalo is 1997 kg/animal/ year. Combined average productivity of cattle and buffalo is 1806 kg/animal/year. Against this, world average productivity of cattle is 2430 kg/animal/year and buffalo is 1810 kg/animal/year and total average productivity of dairy animals is 2310 kg/animal/year. In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States and Union Territories to increase productivity of dairy animals Government has been implementing following schemes:

(i) Rashtriya Gokul Mission

(ii) National dairy Plan-I

(iii) Breed Improvement Institutes comprising of seven Central Cattle Breeding Farms, four Central Herd Registration Units and Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute.

(b) & (c) Government has been implementing Risk Management and Insurance as a component of National Livestock Mission since 2014-15. The indigenous/ crossbred milch animals, pack animals (Horses, Donkey, Mules, Camels, Ponies and Cattle/ Buffalo Male) and other livestock (Goat, Sheep, Pigs, Rabbit, Yak and Mithun) are under the purview of 'Risk Management & Insurance. Benefit of subsidy is restricted to 5 animals per beneficiary per household for all animals except sheep, goat, pig and rabbit. In case of sheep, goat, pig and rabbit the benefit of subsidy is restricted based on 'Cattle Unit' and one cattle unit is equal to 10 animals.
