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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1104
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER 2022

MSP FOR CHICKEN

1104: SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the amount of losses incurred by the poultry sector because of the rumours spread about Chicken consumption causing COVID-19 in the year 2019 and 2020, if so, the details of the losses incurred, State-wise and month and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the losses incurred by the sector because of the restriction caused during the lockdown, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to promote poultry (including eggs) as a significant source of protein, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce a Minimum Selling Price for chicken in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

HON'BLE MINISTER FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b) It has been claimed by the Poultry sector that they have incurred losses in the year 2019 and 2020 due to spreading of misleading facts through social media and print media regarding spread of infection of coronavirus through consumption of chicken meat and egg. The poultry sector suffered further losses due to lock down wherein the sale of eggs, chicken meat and transportation of feed were banned by many States. However no such assessment of losses has been done by this Department.

(c) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has taken various steps to promote poultry (including eggs), and the are as follows:

1. **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)** of Rs 15000 Cr is being implemented since June 2020. One of the objectives of the scheme is to fulfill the objective of protein enriched quality food requirement of the growing population of the country and prevent malnutrition. As far as Poultry development is concerned, the following activities have been included for availing credit under AHIDF.

- i. Technologically assisted Poultry Farms (Technologically assisted, Layer Farm with environmentally controlled system, Broiler Breeder Farm with environmentally controlled system and Hatcheries with environmentally controlled facilities)
- ii. Meat processing and value addition infrastructure,
- iii. Establishment of animal feed plant (Poultry feed).

Eligible beneficiaries like Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Section 8 Companies, Private Companies and individual entrepreneur availing credit facilities will get 90% loan for which 3% interest subvention are provided by the Central Government. The Central Government is also providing Credit Guarantee of 25% of total borrowings for those projects which are fulfilling the definition of MSME projects.

2. Further, under **National Livestock Mission**, for development of Entrepreneurs in Rural Poultry, the central Government is providing 50% subsidy upto Rs 25.00 Lakh to establish Parent Farm, Rural Hatchery, brooder cum mother unit for Production of Hatching Eggs with minimum 1000 parent layers and Chicks and rearing of the said chick

upto four week in the mother unit. The eligible entities are Self Help Group (SHG)/Farmers Producer Organizations organisations (FPO)/Farmers Cooperatives organisations (FCOs)/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) and Section 8 companies. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has developed an online portal for a completely digitized Process with all the important documents to be uploaded on the portal nlm.udyamimitra.in.

(d) No, the Government is not proposing any Minimum Selling Price for chicken in the country, as it is completely regulated through market forces, being a perishable item as well as due to varied cost of production is in different of the country.
