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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2210
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th DECEMBER, 2022

FODDER CENTRIC FARMER PRODUCER ORGANISATION

2210. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the wholesale price index based fodder inflation soared to a nine year high of 25.5 percent in August, 2022 and if so, whether this has resulted in hardship to rural families whose livelihood are dependent on livestock;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the current availability of fodder and the nature of shortage and its adverse impact on the dairy product;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has proposed the formation and promotion of fodder-centric Farmer Producer Organization (FPOs) to address the fodder deficit and has planned to set up 100 fodder centric FPOs in 2022-23 and if so, the manner in which the proposed FPOs will address the problem of fodder deficit;
- (e) whether the Government has appointed implementing agency and also fixed target for the purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps/measures taken by the Government to promote dairy and livestock industry in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a) Wholesale price index (WPI) data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry, showed that the index value for fodder has recorded at 225.7 in November 2022, registering an increase of 27.66 per cent over the same month last year (176.8). As such, no severe hardships to rural families whose livelihood are dependent on livestock have reported by the States, although there is increase in the price of fodder.

(b) & (c) The ICAR- Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI), Jhansi has estimated that there is deficit of 11.24%, 23.4 % and 28.9% in green fodder, dry fodder and concentrates respectively at the national level. The State Governments are primarily responsible for assessing the shortage of fodder, if any, and its impact on the dairy products. As such, no reports have been received by the Centre from any of the State Governments for any adverse impact on the dairy product during the various review meetings conducted by the Centre.

(d) & (e) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has designated National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) as implementing agency under the scheme of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer organizations (FPOs) to form and promote 100 FPOs, primarily fodder centric and animal husbandry activities as a secondary activity (Fodder plus model) on 04 November 2022. These Fodder Plus FPOs would engage in fodder development activities such as green fodder/silage production and sale, production of 'ready-to-eat' TMR, securing crop residues & its sale and also take up other animal husbandry activities, thereby providing market access to small and marginal farmers. Dairy cooperatives and other Agencies would be identified as Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) which would facilitate forward linkage for the produce of the FPOs and support the FPOs in a sustainable manner. NDDDB has already initiated consultations with stakeholders for identification of the Milk Unions/Federations/ Milk Producer Organisations/Government Agencies etc. as Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs). So far, 34 organizations have already submitted Letter of Intent (LoI) for formation of 62 FPOs which are being assessed.

(f) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing following schemes to supplement the efforts of the States/UTs for promotion and development of the animal husbandry and dairying sector across the country, as given below:

- i. Rashtriya Gokul Mission,
- ii. National Programme for Dairy Development,
- iii. Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund,
- iv. Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer engaged in dairy Activities Organizations
- v. National Livestock Mission,
- vi. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund
- vii. Livestock Health and Disease Control
- viii. National Animal Disease Control Programme
- ix. Livestock Census and Integrated Sample Survey
