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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2429  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2019

**IMPROVEMENT OF DAIRY SECTOR**

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has planned to improve the dairy sector;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether a drastic change in dairy farming can increase the income of farmers;
- d) if so, the details of the efforts taken to do so;
- e) whether new plans are being introduced to improve dairy farming in the Union Territories specially in Lakshadweep; and
- f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)**

(a) & (b) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States and Union Territories to improve dairy sector Government of India is implementing following schemes:

- (i) Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- (ii) National Programme for Dairy Development
- (iii) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
- (iv) Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund
- (v) National Dairy Plan-I

(c) & (d) Dairying plays crucial role in socio economic development of rural households in the country. As per 19<sup>th</sup> Livestock Census 104.52 million rural household are engaged in dairy farming with very high proportion being small and marginal farmers and landless. As per National Account Statistics 2019, the value of output of milk in 2017-18 is Rs 7.015 lakh crore surpassing total value of output from food grains. In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States and Union Territories to bring change in dairy farming Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission for enhancing milk production and productivity of bovines thereby making milk production more remunerative to the rural farmers. It is true that Dairy has a great potential to change the income of farmers. At present it is growing at a CAGR of over 6.4% per year despite meagre public investments. The Government has started a new scheme Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund to help modernise and augment cooperative dairies.

(e) & (f) As per 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock (provisional) Lakshadweep has 2471 cattle and buffaloes and out of this UT has 824 adult cows and 6 adult buffaloes. Following new plans are being introduced to improve dairy farming in all the States and Union Territories.

(i) In order to enhance Artificial Insemination Coverage Government of India launched Nationwide AI Programme on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for implementation in 600 districts with less than 50% Artificial Insemination coverage covering 100 villages per district 200 animals per village under Rashtriya Gokul Mission. During the programme from 15<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 about 1.2 crore animals will be covered, so far 3.55 lakh Artificial inseminations have been performed.

(ii) In order to improve quality of milk, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has approved Quality Milk Programme under National Programme for Dairy Development in July 2019 with total outlay of Rs 271.64 crore.

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