

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1449
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

IMPROVING ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICES

1449 Shri NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that farmers are facing difficulties due to lack of adequate breeding and preventive care services to improve animal health and if so, the details thereof;

(b) Whether the Government has put in place any effective mechanism to provide adequate knowledge to farmers about the breeding and preventive care services to improve animal health and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Whether the Government has taken any steps to create awareness among the farmers about quality of milk or value-added products so as to enter the export market and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) In order to compliment and supplement efforts made by the States and Union Territories to create breeding and preventive care services to improve animal health Government of India has been implementing following schemes:

(i) Rashtriya Gokul Mission: Under the scheme funds have been released to the States and Union Territories for genetic upgradation of bovine population and creation of breeding network in the country including : (i) Establishment of Multi Purpose Artificial Insemination Technicians in Rural India for delivery of breeding inputs at farmers' doorstep (ii) Extension of field Artificial Insemination Network and (iii) Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme implemented in districts with less than 50% Artificial Insemination coverage.

(ii) To prevent, control and contain animal diseases, the Department is supplementing the efforts of State / UT Government by providing financial assistance through centrally sponsored scheme Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH&DC). Under the scheme funds are made available for Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries.

(iii) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has initiated National Animal Disease Control Programme for control of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis.

(b) Funds are allocated under the schemes being implemented by Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying for organization of farmers' awareness programmes. Recently Department has launched e Gopala app (Generation of wealth through Productive Livestock) for informing farmers about availability of quality breeding services, government schemes/programmes and guiding farmers for animal nutrition and treatment of animals.

(c) Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying is creating Infrastructure for milk testing facilities under National Programme for Dairy Development for improving quality of milk and value added products. Under the scheme dairy cooperatives are also supported for training of dairy farmer members in good hygiene practices.
