

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1564  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON DAIRYING SECTOR**

**1564 Shri RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:**

**Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the farmers are facing financial problem due to Corona Virus Pandemic in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of the work being done by the Government in dairying sector to increase the farmers' income in the country including Maharashtra;**
- (c) whether there is a need to encourage the farmers to set up dairy by promoting Animal Husbandry to increase their income;**
- (d) if so, the details of the scheme being implemented by the Government in this regard;**
- (e) the details of the assistance and facilities being provided to the cattlemen by the Government to setup dairy; and**
- (f) whether the Government is providing loan facility and grants for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (f) To mitigate the negative impact of Covid -19, steps taken during lockdown are as under:**

- (i) A new component to provide one time support in the form of Interest subvention on working capital loans was introduced for the financial year 2020-21 under ongoing scheme Support to State Dairy Cooperative & Farmers Producers Organization scheme (SDCFPO).**

**(ii) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a Central Sector scheme for dairy development Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) to modernize the milk and milk products processing plants and machinery with total outlay of Rs.11184 crore (loan Component Rs 8004 Cr). Farmers are benefited indirectly by getting remunerative price for milk poured to dairy cooperative societies at village level.**

**(iii) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing National Programme for Dairy Development scheme since 2014-15 with the objective to create dairy infrastructure for procurement, processing and marketing of milk and milk products. An amount of Rs.989.97 cr. has been released to States under this scheme till 31.03.2020. During the current financial year an amount of Rs.156.86 cr. has been released to States for implementation.**

**iv) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) with the aim of development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancing milk production and productivity of bovines thereby making milk production more remunerative to the farmers. An amount of Rs 1567.56 crores has been released to the States and Union-Territories upto 31.3.2020 and Rs 196.84 crore released during current year. Maharashtra is participating under Rashtriya Gokul Mission, an amount of Rs 6694.28 lakh has been released for implementation of different components of Rashtriya Gokul Mission upto 31.3.2020 and Rs 202.5 lakh released during current year.**

**v) Recently Government of India has approved setting up of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) worth Rs. 15000 crore. One of the components of scheme is to facilitate incentivisation of investments in establishment of dairy processing and value addition infrastructure.**