

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 21
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

LOW MILK PRODUCTION

* 21.SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has taken cognizance of low milk production by indigenous cow progeny ;
- (b) if so, the details of efforts being made for improving the indigenous cow breeds in the country including the Bundelkhand region; and
- (c) the details of target set for creation of employment through animal husbandry in the Bundelkhand region?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *21 LOW MILK PRODUCTION TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2021.

(a) to (c) To enhance milk production and productivity of indigenous bovine breeds, Government of India has been implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission since December 2014 for development and conservation of indigenous breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity thereby by making milk production more remunerative to farmers. Following efforts has been made by the Government for enhancing milk production in the country under Rashtriya Gokul Mission including Bundelkhand region in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh: (i) Implementation of Nationwide AI coverage for extending artificial insemination coverage and increasing milk production and productivity of bovines including indigenous breeds; (ii) Induction of MAITRIs (Artificial Insemination Technicians) for delivery of artificial insemination services at farmers doorstep; (iii) implementation of progeny testing and pedigree selection for production of high genetic merit bulls including indigenous breeds; (iv) establishment of Gokul Grams for development and conservation of indigenous breeds; (v) two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centers as repository of germplasm of indigenous breeds; (vi) accelerated breed improvement programme using sex sorted semen of high genetic merit bulls including indigenous breeds; (vii) accelerated breed improvement programme using IVF technology for propagation of elite animals of indigenous breeds and (viii) establishment of breed multiplication farm preferably of indigenous breeds.

Following specific efforts have been made in Bundelkhand region for enhancement of productivity of indigenous bovine breeds : (i) Gokul Gram for Tharparkar and Sahiwal breed of cattle has been established at Ratona in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh with an investment of Rs 11.37 crores; (ii) Farmer and Artificial Insemination Training Institute established at Ratona in Sagar district; (iii) semen station has been made operational in January 2021 at Nauner in Datia district of Madhya Pradesh (iv) all the 13 districts of Bundelkhand region (7 districts of Uttar Pradesh and 6 districts of Madhya Pradesh) are covered under Nationwide AI Programme and (v) for delivery of Artificial Insemination Services at farmers doorstep so far 175 MAITRIs have been trained and inducted in Bundelkhand region during 2020-21, further 188 MAITRIs are under training during 2021-22.

It is estimated that additional direct and indirect employment opportunities upto 50 lakh farmers and rural entrepreneurs will be created in the cattle, dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, piggery, feed and fodder sector including Bundelkhand region.