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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2625
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

MOU FOR COOPERATION IN LIVESTOCK SECTOR

2625. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has entered into any agreement with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for cooperation in the livestock sector of India;
- (b) if so, the objectives thereof;
- (c) the details of benefit the country is likely to get from this agreement including the State of Gujarat; and
- (d) the way through which more expansion of the dairy industry of the State of Gujarat can be done?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): An MoU was signed between the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) on 22nd September, 2021, to collaborate in furtherance of their mutual objectives of sustainably improving the livestock sector to support India's food security and economic development agendas. As per MOU, the collaboration with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation would provide technical assistance for the design and delivery of new technologies and implementation of best practices that are relevant in the local context. This engagement would support India's overall One Health framework and provide technical support for establishing the platform. Further, the MOU would jointly support programmes to improve sector productivity in support of small-scale producers:-

- (a) to improve livestock health, production, and animal nutrition
- (b) to identify scientific and technological solutions for major infectious diseases including, but not limited to vaccines and diagnostics for animal health;
- (c) to strengthen translation capacity in India and as appropriate to collaborate to apply this capacity
- (d) to identify projects that will create scientific and technological advances related to livestock, food and nutrition through improvements in livestock sector
- (e) to identify opportunities for scientific and technological collaboration to benefit small-scale producers in India and other developing countries in the region
- (f) to strengthen the One Health framework along key aspects (disease monitoring, R&D, and digital infrastructure to promote integration and growth in the sector)
- (g) to strengthen technical capabilities around traceability of livestock and livestock products, value addition of livestock products, marketing solutions (like e-platforms), and disease reporting

The MOU inter-alia states that the Scope of technical cooperation may be amended (added/deleted/modified) from time to time during the tenure of the MOU to accommodate for cooperation in new and emerging areas.

(d):To promote the dairy industry across the country including the State of Gujarat, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been supplementing the efforts of States by implementing the following dairy development schemes:-

- (1) National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)
- (2) Dairy processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF)
- (3) Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO)
