GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3845 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER 2021

SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR DAIRY INDUSTRY IN KERALA

3845. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the severe impact to the dairy industry in the State of Kerala following the floods in 2018;

(b) whether the Government is further seized of the losses suffered by the industry approximately to the tune of Rs.400 crore and milk production reduced to half of its previous capacity;

(c) if so, whether the Government is going to introduce a special package to support the dairy sector of the State of Kerala and has taken measures to recoup the sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and,

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes Sir. The seven worst hit districts Alappuzha, Ernakulam,Idukki, Kottayam, Pathanamthitha, Thrissur, and Wayanad districts were notified as flood affected.

(b) As per information furnished by Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd , there was a loss of approximately Rs 171.98 crore (Rs 107.50 crore to Dairy sector & Rs 64.48 crore to Animal Husbandry sector) in Kerala due to floods in 2018. As per the Animal Husbandry Statistics Division , GoI the milk production was decreased slightly to 2544.35 MT in 2019-20 from 2548.28 MT in 2018-19 (flood year).

(c) A team of officers from the Department visited the flood affected area . For extending the affected flood relief activities to farmers, societies and institutions coming under the co-operatives, the Department has approved a project under National Programme for Dairy Development scheme for Ernakulam, Kottayam, Thrisur, Idukki, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur, Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta districts at the total cost of Rs.4403.03 lakh [GOI Share Rs.3302.80 lakh and State Share of Rs.1100.23 lakh].

(d) and (e) The projects were approved primarily for activities/components for construction/maintenance of village level Dairy Cooperative Society (DCS) building and storage facility at DCS, provision for Mobile DG set, Transport subsidy for Milk and Cattle Feed, Construction & renovation of Cattle shed, purchase of cattle and heifers, adulteration detection Kit , assistance for cattle feed purchase, California mastitis test kit etc. Total amount of Central Share has been released to State for implementation.