

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2536

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND AUGUST, 2022

USE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR CATTLE FEED

2536. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the use of agri-products like maize and jowar and by-products like de-oiled rice bran in the production of cattle feed in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that transportation of the abovementioned raw materials from agricultural States like Punjab and Uttar Pradesh to the State of Kerala will be beneficial to the farmers in those States;

(c) if so, whether the Government has received any representation from the Government of Kerala requesting it to include the abovementioned items in the list of items eligible under Kisan Rail Project (KRP) to be transported at 50% freight rate discount; and

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to hold discussions with the Ministry of Railways to include the abovementioned items under KRP and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): Maize, Jowar & De-oiled rice bran are the indispensable ingredients in the formulation of cattle feed in the country. In order to promote the use of agri-products such as maize & jowar and products like de-oiled rice bran in the production of cattle feed, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAHD) is providing financial assistance to farmers under its various schemes. Under the scheme 'Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)' implemented by MoFAHD, eligible entities can avail loan upto 90% of the project cost and 3% interest subvention to establish animal feed manufacturing plants (mini, medium & large animal feed plants and total mixed ration block making units) or to strengthen existing units. Another scheme of MoFAHD 'National Livestock Mission' promote entrepreneurial activities in cattle feed sector by providing 50% capital subsidy to establish total mixed ration plants.

The representation of the Government of Kerala in this regard was sent to the Ministry of Railways. As per input available from Ministry of Railways, Kisan Rail is primarily meant for 'transportation of perishables'.
