

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*253**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025

**ANIMAL DISEASES**

**\*253. SMT. MALVIKA DEVI:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to State:

(a) the details of the steps taken to control diseases amongst the animals and free vaccinations being given to cattle and the manner in which the Government is promoting immunisation programmes;

(b) the details of the subsidies and schemes to improve the livelihood of small and marginal farmers engaged in dairy sector; and

(c) the details of schemes for increasing milk production in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING**

**(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 253 FOR REPLY ON 18.03.2025 REGARDING ANIMAL DISEASES ASKED BY SMT. MALVIKA DEVI**

(a) The details of the steps taken to control diseases amongst the animals and to promote immunisation programmes are as follows:

- i. Under Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) scheme, 100% central assistance is provided to States/UTs for vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Classical Swine Fever (CSF). Quality vaccines are procured and supplied centrally. Support is provided to the States/UTs for procurement of vaccination accessories, strengthening cold chain infrastructure, remuneration for vaccinators, awareness generation etc.
- ii. Under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD) sub-component of the LHDCP scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs for the vaccination of state prioritized exotic, emergent and zoonotic animal diseases including Lumpy Skin Disease, Black Quarter, Haemorrhagic Septicaemia etc.  
Assistance is also provided to States/UTs for strengthening of diagnostic infrastructure and capacity building and training of Veterinarians and Para Veterinarians.
- iii. Under Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries-Mobile Veterinary Units (ESVHD-MVU) sub-component of LHDCP scheme provides financial support to the States/UTs for operation of Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) to provide diagnosis, treatment at farmer's doorstep. Presently, 4016 MVUs are operationalised across the country in 28 States/UTs.
- iv. Under LHDCP scheme, financial support is provided to laboratories for quality testing of vaccines, sero-monitoring, sero-surveillance, confirmatory diagnosis, training of laboratory personnel and other related activities.
- v. Capacity building, infrastructure enhancement and technical support is provided under Pandemic Fund Project on "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response".
- vi. The Crisis Management Plan (CMP) for livestock diseases has been developed to respond to disease outbreaks.
- vii. Standard Veterinary Treatment Guidelines (SVTGs) have been formulated to enhance livestock health and disease control.

(b) and (c) The details of the subsidies and schemes to improve the livelihood of small and marginal farmers engaged in dairy sector and for increasing milk production in the country are as follows:

- i. Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) is being implemented since December 2014 for development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population, enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovines across the country. The scheme has benefitted more than 8.5 crore dairy farmers.  
Nationwide Artificial Insemination programme, Accelerated Breed Improvement programme using sex-sorted semen and In-vitro Fertilisation (IVF) Technology, Genomic chip for genomic selection, Progeny Testing and Pedigree Selection programme and Training and equipping Multi-Purpose Artificial Insemination Technicians (MAITRIs) are the important steps taken under RGM to increase milk production and to improve the livelihood of small and marginal farmers engaged in dairy sector.
- ii. Under Nation-wide Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Campaign, since June 2020, 42,67,070 fresh KCC have been issued to farmers engaged in animal husbandry and dairying activities.
- iii. Under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), 3% interest subvention is provided to individual entrepreneurs, private companies, MSME, Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs), Section 8 companies and Dairy Cooperatives for activities of dairy processing and value addition infrastructure.  
A total investment of ₹8,153 Crores has been leveraged for 135 projects, under Dairy Processing and Value Addition category. A total of around ₹174 Crores of interest subvention has been released for 131 projects, with the capacity of 196 Lakh Litres per Day (LLPD), for fostering growth in the Dairy sector.
- iv. Under National Livestock Mission Entrepreneurship Development Programme (NLM EDP), 50% capital subsidy is provided to individuals, FPOs, SHGs, JLGs, FCOs and Section 8 companies for establishing various fodder processing & grading units improving the inputs for dairy sector in India.  
Under the Feed and Fodder component of the NLM Entrepreneurship Development Programme (NLM EDP), a total of 116 applications have been approved with a total capacity of 433800 MT per annum with a total project cost of ₹108.26 crore and an approved subsidy of ₹47.43 crore.
- v. To support the efforts made by the State Government for milk procurement and milk processing infrastructure as well as increasing milk production, National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) and Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO) are being implemented.  
These schemes focus on creating/strengthening of infrastructure for quality milk testing equipment and strengthening of dairy infrastructure and indirectly benefits the milk producers/farmers through State Milk Federations/Unions/Milk Producer Companies.

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