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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1414
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th JULY 2025

ANIMAL FEED PLANTS IN MAHARASHTRA

1414. SHRI ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposals of the Government to set up animal feed plants in Akola or Washim districts of Maharashtra;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage the establishment of animal feed manufacturing units in rural areas, particularly in districts like Akola and Washim;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposals to collaborate with startups that focus on sustainable animal feed production, specifically in Maharashtra;
- (d) the support/mechanisms placed by the Government to facilitate the growth of sustainable animal feed production in Maharashtra; and
- (e) the manner by which these initiatives benefit farmers and animal rearers in districts like Akola and Washim?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a). No Sir. Government is not in receipt of any proposal to set up animal feed plants in Akola or Washim districts of Maharashtra.

(b), (c), (d) & (e) The Govt. of India provides support related to feed and fodder development activities under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) and National Livestock Mission (NLM) schemes.

Under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), Micro Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME) is an eligible entity for availing benefit for establishment of Animal feed plants. The scheme is demand driven wherein proposals are considered based on merit and eligibility, irrespective of geographical location. Applications are processed through a transparent online portal and approvals are granted based on project viability, adherence to scheme guidelines and loan sanction by the concerned lending institutions.

In addition to Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), (where interest subvention is provided to Dairy Co-operatives, Farmer Producer Organization (FPO), Private companies, individual entrepreneur, Section 8 companies, and Micro Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME) for establishment of Animal feed plants) Department is also supplementing the efforts made by the State Governments and Union Territories by implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development since 2014-15. The scheme has been realigned in July 2021 and again in March 2024 with objective to enhance the fodder availability with following components:

- i. Assistance for quality fodder seed production under which the incentives up to Rs.250/kg, Rs.150/kg and Rs.100 Rs/kg are given for production of Breeder, Foundation and Certified seeds respectively.
- ii. Entrepreneurial activities in feed and fodder for Infrastructure development related to Hay/Silage/Total Mixed Ration(TMR)/ Fodder Block and storage of fodder where in

subsidy of 50% of the total project cost (up to Rs.50 lakhs) is provided to the beneficiaries.

- iii. Establishment of seed processing and grading infrastructure under Entrepreneurial activities where in subsidy of 50% of the total project cost (up to Rs.50 lakhs) is provided to the beneficiaries.
- iv. Fodder Production from Non Forest Wasteland/rangeland/Non arable lands.
- v. Fodder Production from Forest Lands.

Besides above, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the Central Sector Scheme “Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)” through National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) as implementing agency to form and promote 100 FPOs, primarily fodder centric FPOs.

Further, Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI Jhansi- ICAR) has developed **Fodder Resources Development Plans for 29 States including Maharashtra** which include an area-specific strategy to be adopted to overcome the deficiency of green and dry fodder of the region and also to provide an executable plan for the State government and other agencies involved in livestock-related policy and planning.

The Department has also undertaken extensive awareness initiatives such as seminars, video conferences and advisories to States, and regional review meetings to promote and encourage the establishment of animal feed manufacturing units in rural areas. It organized several key events during January 2025, including the Entrepreneurship Development Conclave 2025 in Pune, Maharashtra, and the Conclave on the Theme “Dialogue for Holistic Development of the Livestock Sector” in Shillong, Meghalaya.
