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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2650
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST 2025

ENCOURAGING SHGS IN VILLAGES TO SUPPLY MILK

2650. SHRI ARUN GOVIL:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country has become the largest milk producer in the world due as 65% of the buffaloes of the world are available in the country and details of policies of the Government are available in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to encourage Self Help Groups(SGHs) so that the milk can be supplied to the nearest towns and thereby enhancing the income of the villagers/milkmen; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and policy/proposals of the Government for the healthcare of dairy animals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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- (a) Yes, India is the largest milk producer in the world since 1998. In the year 2023, India produced approximately 104.39 million tonnes of buffalo milk, accounting for 69.43%. India's contribution to the global population of in-milk buffaloes has shown an upward trend, rising from 63.02% in 2022 to 64.06% in 2023 (Source FAO). Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India (GoI) is implementing the following schemes across the country to complement and supplement the efforts for milk production and milk processing infrastructure made by the State Government:
 1. **Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM):** RGM is implemented for development and conservation of indigenous breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovines.
 2. **National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD):** NPDD is implemented with following 2 components:
 - (i) **Component "A"** of NPDD focuses on creating/strengthening of infrastructure for quality milk testing equipment as well as primary chilling facilities for State

Cooperative Dairy Federations/ District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union/ Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Milk Producer Companies/ Farmer Producer Organizations.

- (ii) **Component "B"** of the NPDD scheme "Dairying through Cooperatives" aims to increase sale of milk and dairy products by increasing farmer's access to organized market, upgrading dairy processing facilities and marketing infrastructure and enhancing the capacity of producer owned institutions.

3. **Supporting Dairy Cooperatives & Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO):** To assist the State Dairy Cooperative Federations by providing interest subvention (regular 2% and additional 2% on prompt repayment) with respect to soft working capital loan to tide over the crisis on account severely adverse market conditions or natural calamities.

4. **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF):** AHIDF provides interest subvention at the rate 3% per annum for creation/ strengthening of livestock product processing and diversification infrastructure thereby providing greater access for unorganized producer members to organized market.

5. **National Livestock Mission (NLM):** to bring sharp focus on entrepreneurship development and breed improvement in poultry, sheep, goat, piggery and fodder by providing the incentivization to the individual, FPOs, SHGs, Section 8 companies for entrepreneurship development and also to the State Government for breed improvement infrastructure

6. **Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP):** to provide for prophylactic vaccination against animal diseases, capacity building of veterinary services, disease surveillance, and strengthening veterinary infrastructure. Also, a new component of Pashu Aushadhi is added under the scheme ensure availability of affordable generic veterinary medicine across the country through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhhi Kendras (PM-KSK) and Cooperative Societies. This will create an ecosystem for Generic Medicine which will be affordable and of good quality.

- (b) and (c) Yes, the Government encourages Self Help Groups (SHGs) to engage in dairy activities to enhance farmers' incomes. SHGs are eligible for support under NPDD, AHIDF, and NLM schemes, which provide assistance for infrastructure, processing, marketing, and capacity building. For dairy animal healthcare, the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) is being implemented nationwide, focusing on disease control, vaccination, and veterinary services to improve productivity and animal welfare.
