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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 353
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2025

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO DAIRY FARMERS IN KERALA

353. ADV DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the dairy farming sector is going through a crisis in Kerala and requires urgent financial support;
- (b) the total number of dairy farmers in Kerala who have taken loans to expand the dairy farms but have not been able to repay, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to sanction a financial package to revive the dairy farming ecosystem in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a), (c) and (d) In order to enhance milk production and productivity of bovines and to promote dairy farming Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) and National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) across the country including Kerala. Under the schemes, an amount of Rs.167.33 crore has been released to the State over the last five years for promotion of dairy farming sector. With the implementation of scheme average productivity of cattle and buffaloes has increased from 8.31 kg per animal / day during 2014-15 to 10.31 kg per animal per day during 2023-24 that is by 24.07%. The benefit of the scheme in terms of increase in productivity is accruing to all farmers of the State.

(b) As informed by the State Government of Kerala, at present the State does not maintain data on the total number of dairy farmers who have taken loans for dairy farm expansion or those who have defaulted on repayment. However, for the past three years, the Department of Dairy Development, Government of Kerala, is implementing a Bank Interest Subvention Scheme, under which 100% interest subvention is provided for loans up to Rs. 3.00 lakh availed for dairy farming purposes. Further, Government of India has also extended Kissan Credit Card (KCC) facility to Animal Husbandry farmers for their working capital requirements and so far 1,28,361 fresh KCC were issued for AHD farmers in Kerala.
