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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1441
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH DECEMBER, 2025

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND

1441. SHRI K E PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand or intensify support under the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) specifically for newer value-added products in the dairy and meat sectors, in view of the growing protein market and rising demand for protein rich foods;
- (b) whether there is any plans of the Government to provide targeted assistance to small scale units or entrepreneurs seeking to establish such value added processing facilities; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering any measures to promote export-focused infrastructure projects under the AHIDF, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) The Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) Scheme which was started with the outlay of ₹ 15000 crore has been further realigned in 2024 with expanded outlay of ₹ 29610.25 crore subsuming Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) to extend the same benefit to the Dairy cooperatives. The scheme also has provisions for supporting wide range of value-added dairy and meat products. Further, allied infrastructure like waste-to-wealth, vaccines/drugs, breeds multiplication farms are added and have further deepened support across the animal husbandry sector. Under AHIDF, 3% interest subvention is provided with a repayment period of 8 years (including a 2-year moratorium) for individual entrepreneurs, Private Companies, MSMEs, Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs), Section 8 Companies, and Dairy Cooperatives. The scheme will continue until 31.03.2026.

This initiative has been designed to improve the availability of high-quality milk and meat products for domestic consumers through categories like Dairy Processing and value addition infrastructure, Meat processing and value addition infrastructure and technologically assisted

breed improvement and multiplication farms. These measures ensure enhanced availability of quality dairy and meat products throughout the country, thereby aiming to satisfy the demand for protein-rich quality food for the growing population while addressing malnutrition.

(b) The AHIDF Scheme is open for individual entrepreneurs, Private Companies, MSMEs, Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs), Section 8 Companies, and Dairy Cooperatives. There is no prescribed ceiling or minimum cap on the project cost under the scheme. The scheme has no bar for the small entrepreneurs to avail benefit. Applicants are required to contribute a minimum of 10% equity towards the project, while the balance funding is to be arranged through term loans from eligible lending institutions such as Scheduled Banks, NCDC, NDDB, NABARD, and SIDBI.

(c) One of the objectives of AHIDF is to boost exports. The infrastructure established under AHIDF enables to enhance the processing capacity with quality production, which in turn help in export of the livestock products.