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ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONCLAVE

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state;

- (a) the objective of the "Entrepreneurship Development Conclave" and the manner in which it align with the Government's broader vision for rural and grassroots entrepreneurship development;
- (b) the manner in which the Ministry plan to leverage the Panchayati Raj system to facilitate skill development and capacity-building programs for rural entrepreneurs, especially in the context of the conclave's discussions; and
- (c) whether there are any specific measures being taken to empower rural entrepreneurs to thrive in villages and small towns through the Panchayati Raj system and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) The Entrepreneurship Development Conclave was held on 13th January 2025, at Pune, Maharashtra. It was organised with the primary objective of promoting the entrepreneurship development schemes of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), namely the National Livestock Mission – Entrepreneurship Development Programme (NLM-EDP) and the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF). These schemes are designed to empower both existing and prospective entrepreneurs in the livestock sector by presenting investment opportunities, strengthening avenues for credit facilitation, and disseminating information on available government support mechanisms.

The Conclave provided a common platform for policymakers, financial institutions, industry representatives, and scheme beneficiaries to enable structured knowledge exchange, foster innovation, and promote the development of enterprises across livestock-based value chains. The event witnessed participation from approximately 2,000 stakeholders, including

policymakers, financial institutions, industry representatives, and entrepreneurs.

During the conclave, special focus was given to NLM-EDP and AHIDF, enabling attendees to gain direct insights from policymakers and subject-matter experts. The Conclave featured thematic sessions and deliberations aimed at enhancing stakeholder awareness, promoting institutional convergence, and advancing entrepreneurship-led growth in the livestock sector.
