

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER 2025

NATIONAL GOPAL RATNA AWARD

2607. SHRI EATALA RAJENDER:

WILL THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA), constituted by the Ministry for best dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle / buffalo breeds; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and encouragement being given target set and results achieved through such encouragement as on date?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

- (a) Yes Sir,
- (b) Under Rastriya Gokul Mission (RGM), the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is conferring the **National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA)** every year since 2021 with the objective of encouraging the dairy farmers who rear Indigenous breeds of cattle and buffaloes {list of registered breeds (53 cattle and 20 buffaloes) Annexed}, dairy cooperative societies/Milk Producer Companies/Farmer Producer Organizations and Artificial Insemination Technicians (AITs) in the following categories:
 - i. Best Dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds
 - ii. Best Dairy Cooperative Society (DCS)/ Milk Producer Company (MPC)/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organization (FPO).
 - iii. Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT).

A provision of a **Special award for North Eastern Region (NER)** has also been introduced in 2024 so as to encourage and boost the dairy development activities. Further, from 2025 onwards, **Himalayan States** have also been added along with NER category. NGRA is conferred to winners up to 1st, 2nd, 3rd ranks and one Special Award for North Eastern Region (NER)/Himalayan States in each category as mentioned above. NGRA consists of a Certificate of merit, a memento and cash prize of Rs. 5,00,000/-, Rs. 3,00,000/-, Rs. 2,00,000/- for first, second, third rank respectively and Rs. 2,00,000/- for Special Award for North Eastern Region (NER)/Himalayan States in the category of Best Dairy Farmer and Best DCS/FPO/MPCs. In the case of Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) category, National Gopal Ratna Award consists of a Certificate of merit and a memento only.

Nominations for National Gopal Ratna Award are received online through National Award portal i.e. <https://awards.gov.in> . The Awards are conferred on the occasion of National Milk Day i.e. 26th November every year.

Till date, total 21 dairy farmers including special Award for NER/Himalayan States have been awarded under the category of Best Dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds.

Registered Breeds of Cattle (For NGRA)

S.N.	Breed	Home Tract
1	Amritmahal	Karnataka
2	Bachaur	Bihar
3	Bargur	Tamilnadu
4	Dangi	Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh
5	Deoni	Maharashtra and Karnataka
6	Gaolao	Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh
7	Gir	Gujarat
8	Hallikar	Karnataka
9	Hariana	Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan
10	Kangayam	Tamilnadu
11	Kankrej	Gujarat and Rajasthan
12	Kenkatha	Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
13	Kherigarh	Uttar Pradesh
14	Khillar	Maharashtra and Karnataka
15	Krishna Valley	Karnataka
16	Malvi	Madhya Pradesh
17	Mewati	Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh
18	Nagori	Rajasthan
19	Nimari	Madhya Pradesh
20	Ongole	Andhra Pradesh
21	Ponwar	Uttar Pradesh
22	Punganur	Andhra Pradesh
23	Rathi	Rajasthan
24	Red Kandhari	Maharashtra
25	Red Sindhi	On organized farms only
26	Sahiwal	Punjab and Rajasthan
27	Siri	Sikkim and West Bengal
28	Tharparkar	Rajasthan
29	Umblachery	Tamilnadu
30	Vechur	Kerala
31	Motu	Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh
32	Ghumusari	Orissa
33	Binjharपुरi	Orissa
34	Khariar	Orissa
35	Pulikulam	Tamilnadu
36	Kosali	Chhattisgarh
37	Malnad Gidda	Karnataka

S.N.	Breed	Home Tract
38	Belahi	Haryana and Chandigarh
39	Gangatiri	Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
40	Badri	Uttarakhand
41	Lakhimi	Assam
42	Ladakhi	Jammu and Kashmir
43	Konkan Kapila	Maharashtra and Goa
44	PodaThurpu	Telangana
45	Nari	Rajasthan and Gujarat
46	Dagri	Gujarat
47	Thutho	Nagaland
48	Shweta Kapila	Goa
49	Himachali Pahari	Himachal Pradesh
50	Purnea	Bihar
51	Kathani	Maharashtra
52	Sanchori	Rajasthan
53	Masilum	Meghalaya

Registered Breeds of Buffalo (For NGRA)

Sr. No	Breed	Home Tract
1	Bhadawari	Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
2	Jaffarabadi	Gujrat
3	Marathwadi	Maharashtra
4	Mehsana	Gujarat
5	Murrah	Haryana
6	Nagpuri	Maharashtra
7	Nili Ravi	Punjab
8	Pandharpuri	Maharashtra
9	Surti	Gujarat
10	Toda	Tamilnadu
11	Banni	Gujarat
12	Chilika	Orissa
13	Kalahandi	Odisha
14	Luit (Swamp)	Assam and Manipur
15	Bargur	Tamil Nadu
16	Chhattisgarhi	Chhattisgarh
17	Gojri	Punjab and Himachal Pradesh
18	Dharwadi	Karnataka
19	Manda	Odisha
20	Purnathadi	Maharashtra