

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2649  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2025

**NATIONAL AGRI-ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHEME**

2649. SHRI IMRAN MASOOD:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a “National Agro-Entrepreneurship Scheme” for the youth engaged in the animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the arrangements for training, credit assistance and market support in this regard;
- (c) whether the scheme focuses on linking rural start-ups with agro-processing
- (d) if so, the number of youth benefitted so far; and
- (e) whether the Government has prepared any joint forum with the State Governments for this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (e) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India has no proposal to launch “National Agro-Entrepreneurship Scheme” for the youth engaged in the animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries sector. However, DAHD, Government of India is implementing the National Livestock Mission-Entrepreneurship Development Programme (NLM-EDP) which is a key component and provides 50% capital subsidy for rural poultry, sheep, goats, pigs, camels, horses, and donkey farms. Additionally, it supports fodder value-addition units, including hay, silage, Total Mixed Ration (TMR), fodder blocks, and units for processing, grading, and storing fodder seeds. The ceiling for various components ranges from ₹3 lakh to ₹50 lakh. The eligible entities are individuals, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), Farmer Cooperative Organizations (FCOs), and Section 8 companies. The scheme is end to end digitized. As of now, 3843 projects have received approval, with a total approved project cost of ₹2672.45 Crore and an approved subsidy amounting to ₹1233.69 Crore. The State Governments are working as State Implementing Agencies for processing, verification and onward submission of proposals submitted by Entrepreneurs under NLM-EDP. The scheme enables the start-ups to avail benefit subject to compliance of scheme guidelines. As on date, 3784 no. of individual beneficiaries have been assisted.

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