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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND

499. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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Be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to support growth of the dairy sector and the role played by the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) in enhancing country's self-sufficiency in milk production in the country especially in Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of key schemes being implemented by the department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to strengthen the domestic dairy industry, and the manner in which these initiatives have enhanced the sector's contribution to the national economy; and
- (c) the details of the objectives of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission and the National Programme for Dairy Development, especially in Rajasthan and how these initiatives aim to improve the genetic quality and productivity of bovines, enhance the quality of milk and milk products and increase farmer's income and employment opportunities in rural areas, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) to promote modern dairy infrastructure such as milk processing plants, chilling units, value-added product facilities, and logistics, while encouraging private sector players, FPOs, and cooperatives to invest in dairy processing. The scheme also supports dovetailing with various central and state government initiatives to ensure holistic growth of the dairy ecosystem. The scheme provides several key benefits, including a 3% interest subvention for eight years with a two-year moratorium, term loans covering up to 90% of the project cost from scheduled banks and institutions such as NABARD, NCDC, NDDDB, and SIDBI with no ceiling on loan amount, and a 25% credit guarantee on term loans for MSME projects through NABSanrakshan Trustee Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of NABARD.

As on date, total of 157 dairy projects have been approved across the country with approved project cost of Rs 10480.30 crores with total processing capacity of 237.87 LLPD.

A total of **10 dairy projects** are approved with the project cost of Rs 138.91 crore in the state of Rajasthan with the processing capacity of 12.88 Lakh Litre Per Day (LLPD)

- (b) Two schemes namely Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) and Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) are being implemented under the **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan** to strengthen the domestic dairy industry in country.

About AHIDF Scheme

Under the AHIDF Scheme, Department supports the infrastructure creation in 7 areas namely

- i. Dairy processing and value addition infrastructure,
- ii. Meat processing and value addition infrastructure
- iii. Animal Feed Plant
- iv. Breed Improvement technology and Breed Multiplication Farm
- v. Setting up of Veterinary Vaccine and Drugs Manufacturing facilities and
- vi. Animal Waste to Wealth Management (Agri Waste Management) and
- vii. Primary wool processing across the country.

Also, under AHIDF, the Credit Guarantee benefit is being provided, to strengthen credit delivery system and facilitate smooth flow of credit to the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) engaged in dairy sector without hassles of collateral security. This facilitates access to finance for dairy sector, making availability of financial assistance from lenders to mainly first-generation dairy entrepreneurs and under privileged section of society, who lack collateral security for supporting their ventures.

The scheme is significantly strengthening the dairy sector by promoting breed-multiplication initiatives that enhance the genetic potential of livestock, resulting in higher milk productivity. It also supports the establishment of cattle feed production units and drug and vaccine manufacturing facilities, improving access to affordable, high-quality nutrition and veterinary inputs. Together, these interventions contribute to better animal health management and sustained improvements in milk yield across the livestock population.

By incentivizing investments in new milk processing plants, the scheme is expanding the sector's processing capacity, enabling the production of high-quality processed milk and value-added dairy products. This not only boosts the efficiency of the dairy value chain but also creates stable income opportunities for livestock farmers. The focus on breeding superior livestock further improves the overall genetic stock, leading to enhanced milk yield and long-term productivity gains.

Additionally, the scheme promotes sustainable waste-to-wealth initiatives by supporting projects that convert animal waste into biogas/CNG and bio-fertilizers, thereby advancing circular-economy practices within the sector.

As on date, total processing capacity of 237.86 LLPD has been created under AHIDF Scheme out of which 12.88 LLPD is in Rajasthan.

Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme (LHDCP)

Department is supporting the states/UTs to increase livestock productivity and augmenting livestock health care through the implementation of Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) which is a Central Sector Scheme, in all States/UTs, with the aim of reducing risk to animal health by prophylactic vaccination against diseases of animals, capacity building of Veterinary services, disease surveillance, training and awareness, strengthening Veterinary infrastructure etc.

LHDCP Project supports states in following area namely

- i. Vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Classical Swine Fever (CSF) under 100% central assistance,

- ii. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD) for control of state prioritized animal diseases including 100 % financial assistance to States/UTs for awareness training and publicity on Good Animal Husbandry Practices and Veterinary care.
- iii. Under the sub-component Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries (ESVHD-MVU), 100% financial assistance is provided towards procurement & customization of Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) with recurring operational expenditure for delivery of veterinary healthcare services at farmers' doorsteps.
- iv. Additionally, a new component of Pashu Aushadhi is included in the LHDCP to make available quality generic veterinary medicine at affordable price to the dairy farmers through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PM-KSK) and Cooperative Societies

(c) The Details of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) and National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) has been detailed below:

Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)

Department is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) with the aims and objectives:

- i. To enhance productivity of bovines and increasing milk production in a sustainable manner using advance technologies
- ii. To propagate use of high genetic merit bulls for breeding purposes.
- iii. To enhance Artificial insemination coverage through strengthening breeding network and delivery of Artificial insemination services at farmers doorstep
- iv. To promote indigenous cattle & buffalo rearing and conservation in a scientific and holistic manner.

The steps are taken under RGM for development and conservation of indigenous breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population:

- i. Implementation of Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme (NAIP) using semen of high merit bulls including bulls of indigenous breeds. Under the component Artificial Insemination (AI) services is delivered free of cost at farmers' doorstep in the districts with less than 50% AI coverage.
- ii. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has established sex sorted semen production facilities and implementing Accelerated Breed Improvement Programme using sex sorted semen with the aim to produce female calves up to 90% accuracy thereby enhancing milch cattle population, breed improvement and farmers' income.
- iii. Implementation of progeny testing and pedigree selection for production of high genetic merit bulls
- iv. Implementation of In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Technology: The technology has important role in genetic upgradation of bovine population in single generation. Further, to deliver technology at reasonable rates to farmers Government has launched indigenous IVF media.
- v. Genomic Selection: To select High Genetic Merit (HGM) animals and to accelerate genetic improvement of cattle and buffaloes, the Department has developed unified genomic chips Gau Chip for indigenous cattle and Mahish Chip for indigenous buffaloes specifically designed for initiating genomic selection of high genetic merit animals in the country.
- vi. Community resource persons /Multi-purpose Artificial Insemination Technicians in Rural India (MAITRIs) are trained and equipped to deliver quality Artificial Insemination services at farmers' doorstep.

National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) is implementing Central Sector Scheme- “National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)” across the country including Rajasthan since 2014-15 with the aim to enhance quality of milk and milk products and increase share of organized procurement, processing, value addition and marketing. The scheme was restructured/realigned in July 2021 for implementation from 2021-22 to 2025-26 with the following two components:

- I. The Component "A" of NPDD focuses on creating/strengthening of infrastructure for quality milk testing equipment as well as primary chilling facilities for State Cooperative Dairy Federations/District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union/SHGs/Milk Producer Companies/Farmer Producer Organizations.
- II. The Component 'B' of the NPDD scheme "Dairying through Cooperatives" JICA assisted project aims to increase sale of milk and dairy products by increasing farmer's access to organized market, upgrading dairy processing facilities and marketing infrastructure and enhancing the capacity of producer owned institutions.

Progress under NPDD Component A

Under Component A of NPDD scheme, 34 projects have been approved in Rajasthan with the total project cost of Rs.39748.64 lakh with a central share of Rs.27408.77 lakh and out of this an amount of Rs. 21979.62 lakh has been released till date. The projects are being implemented by Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation.

Physical Achievement under Component A in Rajasthan

Component		Consolidated Project Targets	Achievement
Milk Processing Capacity (TLPD)		440.0	440.0
Dairy Cooperative Society (nos.)		6432	2247
Milk Producer members ('000)		227.316	122.988
Average Daily Milk Procurement (TLPD)		2470.45	599.97
Average Daily Milk Marketing (TLPD)		801.30	494.39
Bulk Milk Cooler	Number	1375	1037
	Capacity (TLPD)	1659.00	1275.50
Strengthening of Dairy Plant Level laboratories (nos.)		22	17
Installation of Automatic Milk Collection Unit/Data Processing Unit with Milk Analyser (nos.)		3452	3045
Installation of Electronic Milk Adulteration Testing Machine (nos.)		2469	2245
Establishment of State Central Lab		1	1

Progress under Component B

Total 13 districts have been covered under the Scheme namely **Component B Alwar**, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Churu, Dausa, Dungarpur, Jaipur, Jalor, Jhunjhunu, Pali, Sirohi, Udaipur, Kota. Total 8 projects have been approved in Rajasthan with total approved budget of Rs 354.20 Cr out of which Rs 242.33 Cr is towards loan and Rs 80.86 Cr is towards grant and balance fund is from PI Contribution.

About 1598 new Dairy Cooperative Societies have been created in Rajasthan along with strengthening of 952 DCS societies. Total 52 BMC has been set up with chilling capacity of 52 KL along with 50 Milk Tankers. About 88099 farmers have been enrolled out of which 70208 members are women. About 33 MTPD VAP manufacturing facility, 500 MTPD of Cattle Feed Plant, 50 MTPD of Bypass Protein and 12 MTPD of Mineral Mixture processing capacity. Under the productivity enhancement, 100 villages are covered under Calf Reading Programme, 764 villages have been covered under the Animal Nutrition Advisory, 40 villages covered under Fodder Development. About 88,738 famers have been trained under the project.