

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRYING & FISHERIES
 LOK SABHA
 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2863.
 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH 2016

GROWTH OF COW PROGENY

2863. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं कृषक कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth of cow progeny is necessary for environmental protection, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated/intends to formulate any scheme in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Vishwamangal gou-gram yatra was recently held throughout the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received any memorandum from the organisers of the yatra and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the various steps taken by the Government to protect the cow progeny in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
 (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Cow progeny plays important role in environment protection by providing draught animal power, milk & milk products, biofertilizer and reducing carbon footprint by providing biogas. The cow progeny besides, contributing to the national economy plays a key role in providing livelihoods to millions of rural households mainly small & marginal farmers and landless labours. Government of India has initiated following programmes for genetic upgradation of bovine population: a) National programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development; b) National Dairy Plan-I; b) Rashtriya Gokul Mission initiated as a part of National Programme for Bovine Breeding and c) Establishment of National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre.

(c) to (d) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has no information about organization of Vishwamangal Gau-gram yatra during recent years and memorandum has also not been received from the organizers of Vishwamangal Gau-gram yatra.

(e) Government of India is implementing following schemes for development and conservation of bovine population including protection of cow progeny in the country: i) National Programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development; ii) Rashtriya Gokul Mission; iii) National Dairy Plan-I; iv) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme; v) National Livestock Mission and vi) Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme.