GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FAMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRYING AND FISHERIES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2652 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2^{ND} AUGUST, 2016

DAIRY PRODUCTION

2652. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

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

- (a) whether dairy production and reproductive efficiency in cross-bred cows is being hit in the country due to climate change;
- (b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein, State-wise;
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the Gokul Grams set up across the country to increase the production of milk?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FAMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

- (a) & (b) As informed by ICAR the crossbred or pure exotic Holstein Friesian or Jersey animals are susceptible to the climate stress conditions which may reduce their milk yield to some extent. The present research knowledge on the effect of climatic stress on milk production is limited which did not demonstrate any alarming reduction in milk production due to changes in climatic conditions.
- (c) & (d) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States for promoting indigenous breeds Government of India has initiated "Rashtriya Goukul Mission", as a part of National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development with the aim to conserve and develop indigenous bovine breeds in a focused and scientific manner. Funds have been approved for establishment of Gokul grams in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.
