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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 366
ANSWERED ON 21st JULY 2026

DAIRY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

366. DR. KIRSAN NAMDEO:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken or proposes to undertake any special dairy development initiatives, including dairy cooperative strengthening, milk procurement infrastructure, bulk milk coolers, and cattle breed improvement programmes in the tribal and aspirational areas of the Gadchiroli–Chimur Lok Sabha Constituency, Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated in this regard during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance milk production, improve farmers' incomes and generate rural employment through dairy development in the constituency

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
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- (a) and (b) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India (GoI) is implementing the dairy development schemes to complement and supplement the efforts made by the State Government for dairy development and breed improvement initiatives across the country including Gadchiroli–Chimur Lok Sabha Constituency, Maharashtra.
1. National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD): NDDB is implemented with following 2 components:
 - (i) 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/ Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Milk Producer Companies/ Farmer Producer Organizations.
 - (ii) Component "B" of the NPDD scheme "Dairying through Cooperatives" Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assisted, 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.
 2. Supporting Dairy Cooperatives & Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO): To assist the State Dairy Cooperative Federations by providing interest subvention (regular 2% and additional 2% on prompt repayment) with respect to

soft working capital loan to tide over the crisis on account of severely adverse market conditions or natural calamities.

3. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF): AHIDF provides interest subvention at the rate 3% per annum for creation/ strengthening of dairy processing and diversification infrastructure thereby providing greater access for unorganized producer members to organized market.
4. Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM): Government of India has been implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission for development and conservation of indigenous breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity thereby making milk production more remunerative to farmers

(c) The financial progress/ details during the last three years are as follows:

(i) Details of funds released, utilized and unspent during last three years in Maharashtra under NPDD is as under: -

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Funds released	Funds utilized	Unspent
2023-24	692.15	692.15	0.00
2024-25*	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025-26*	0.00	0.00	0.00
2026-27	414.26	0.00	414.26

*Funds could not be released during FY 2024-25 & 2025-26 due to pending Utilization Certificate (UC) of funds released during FY 2023-24 under Quality Milk Program (QMP) project. After submission of the pending UC of FY 2023-24 in FY 2026-27, funds have been released to Maharashtra in FY 2026-27.

(ii) The detailed status of Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme (NAIP) in Chandrapur, Gadchiroli and Gondia districts is as under:

District	Animals inseminated (No.)	Artificial Insemination performed (No.)	Farmers benefitted (No.)
Chandrapur	83,176	1,20,581	60,778
Gadchiroli	47,193	64,086	34,028
Gondia	94,327	1,29,511	68,577

(iii) The DAHD, GoI hasn't received any projects from the Gadchiroli-Chimur Constituency under the scheme of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) scheme; however, the DAHD, GoI has approved 113 projects in the state of Maharashtra from various districts, entailing the investment leveraged to ₹ 4700.13 crore, and interest subvention released is ₹ 123.46 crore.

(d) In addition to above, DAHD, GoI is also implementing following schemes to supplement the efforts made by the State Government to enhance milk production, improve farmers' incomes and generate rural employment through dairy development across the country including in the Gadchiroli-Chimur Lok Sabha Constituency, Maharashtra:

- (i) National Livestock Mission (NLM): to bring sharp focus on entrepreneurship development and breed improvement in poultry, sheep, goat piggery and fodder by providing the incentivization to the individual, FPOs, SHGs, Section 8 companies for entrepreneurship development and also to the State Government for breed improvement infrastructure.
- (ii) Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP): to provide for prophylactic vaccination against animal diseases, capacity building of veterinary services, disease surveillance, and strengthening veterinary infrastructure. Also, a new component of Pashu Aushadhi under the scheme to ensure availability of affordable generic veterinary medicine across the country through Cooperative Societies.
