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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 366  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

**MSP FOR MILK**

366. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for milk in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the low penetration of insurance amongst the livestock population in the country;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve this;
- (e) the ratio of veterinary clinics to the total livestock population in the country;
- (f) the details of steps taken by the Government to improve on this ratio and make access to medical care for livestock better?

**ANSWER**

THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a) and (b) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India does not regulate the procurement and sale prices of milk in the country. Prices are decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces. Milk pricing being free from Government control, this Department does not have any proposal to fix Minimum Support Price (MSP) for milk in the country.
- (c) and (d) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India is providing financial assistance to States to popularize the scheme by giving wide publicity through print & electronic media. Moreover, to increase the acceptance of insurance scheme among the farmers, two-year insurance coverage also has been added to the existing 1 year & 3-year insurance scheme. Premium rates have been revised in order to ensure that farmers get a better compensation.

- (e) As per 20th Livestock Census report, as on 31.03.2019, there are 37726 no. of veterinary hospitals & dispensaries in the country. The ratio of Veterinary Institutions (Veterinary Hospital and Dispensaries) to livestock population is 1:14228
- (f) In order to improve the ratio and to increase access of better veterinary healthcare services for livestock, Government has implemented “Livestock Health & Disease Control Scheme” from 2021-22, which provides one fabricated Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU) for every one lakh livestock population to establish doorstep veterinary services to the livestock owners. The scheme has provisions of financial assistance of 100 percent central share towards procurement of fabricated Mobile Veterinary Unit. For recurring expenditure on running of diagnostic & treatment services by these Mobile Veterinary Units, central share is 90% for North Eastern States & Himalayan States viz. Utrakhand, Himachal Pradesh, 100% for UTs and 60% for all other States. Further, during 2021-22 a sum of Rs.681.57 Crore has been released to 33 States/UTs for procurement of 4332 Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs).

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