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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2023

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY FARMING SCHEMES

1446. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has directed the State Governments to constitute a task force in order to address feed and fodder availability issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the States in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to organize awareness campaigns at Gram Panchayat level across States for better outreach of the benefit of schemes to livestock and dairy farmers;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has also directed the States to prepare micro plans with regard to livestock and dairy farmers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has also reviewed the implementation of the central schemes with respect to livestock and dairy farming and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a) Yes Sir. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has requested State Governments to constitute a task force in order to address the feed and fodder availability issues in the country.
- (b) The response has been received from the States of Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Tripura, Nagaland, Andaman & Nicobar on the issue.
- (c) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India is organizing awareness programmes across the country through Common Services Centres on virtual platforms, aimed at helping the farmers gain a better understanding of the latest practices and techniques in animal husbandry and dairy farming about various schemes of the DAHD and ways to avail benefits. The DAHD has organised 24950 awareness camps in FY 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. DAHD is also organizing Pashudhan Jagriti Abhiyan-Intensive awareness programme in Aspirational districts through Veterinary Universities.

- (d) The Task force to address the issue of fodder shortage comprises of Secretaries of Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Forests and Rural Development of the states and would make efforts for increasing the areas under fodder for redeveloping community pasture land in Gauthan and degraded forest land and encourage private entrepreneurship for seed production, fodder cultivation and making silage/ TMR etc. Besides, Fodder resources development plans have been prepared by ICAR- Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi for 25 States including information on fodder crops varieties, production systems, conservation practices etc. which have been sent to the State Governments for implementation.
- (e) The DAHD, Government of India routinely reviews the implementation of the central schemes with respect to livestock and dairying farming through various review meetings, Regional Review meetings, video conferences with the State Governments and various stake holders and visit of its officers.
