

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3946
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2000
MEMORANDUM FROM B. C. R. D. F.
MD ANWARUL HAQUE;RAM PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bhartiya Cattle Resource Development Foundation has submitted memorandum to the Union Government regarding cross breeding of cattle and buffalo in August, 1999;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken on said memorandum ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): Major suggestions contained in the memorandum are

- (i) phasing out cross-breeding in next 10 to 15 years,
- (ii) conversion of all cross-bred cattle farms into farm for indigenous breeds,
- (iii) integration of Gaushalas for breeding of indigenous cattle breeds and financing such programmes,
- (iv) educating farmers on benefits of indigenous breeds,
- (v) promotion of draught power, uses of dung and urine etc.

(c): Last of the above suggestions is not in the purview of this Ministry. Rest of the suggestions are in tune with the proposed Ninth Plan scheme National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding which strives to strike a balance among rising demand for milk, requirement of draught power and need for conservation of indigenous breeds.