

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2175
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ANGORA RABBIT PRODUCTION
N.T. SHANMUGAM

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to distribute the selected breeding programmes for high production of meat and wool type Angora Rabbit to Backyard Rabbit Farmers in the country particularly in Vellore District in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have any plan to educate the Backyard Rabbit Farmers for their better livelihood and the source of availability of these Angora Rabbits; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No Sir.

(b): On request from Govt. of Tamil Nadu the Central Wool Development Board (CWDB) under Ministry of Textile, Jodhpur, Rajasthan had sanctioned one project under Integrated Angora Rabbit Development Programme to Director, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Tamil Nadu in the year 1999-2000 with an outlay of Rs.3.90 lakh under this project to cover 50 families of Nilgiri Region for providing Angora Rabbits to them for wool production. However, later on, the programme could not be taken up by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu due to marketing problem of Angora Wool.

(c): The Central Wool Development Board is imparting training to farmers who are interested in rabbit rearing for wool production at Board's expenses.

(d): Does not arise.