

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF DAIRY INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have prepared any scheme especially for women to promote dairy industry and other agro products in tribal areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the agriculture sector schemes are not accruing any benefits to the tribal farmers; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying does not have any specific scheme for women. However the Department is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Dairy Development Project in Non Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas (IDDP)' in various states and Union Territories including tribal areas. The scheme envisages implementation of dairy projects through the cooperatives where in women are also eligible to be members. The Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Women and Child Development is implementing women Dairy and other projects to benefit poor, assetless and marginalized women in all areas, including tribal areas. Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries is implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme throughout the country including the tribal areas, wherein margin money is provided for setting up agro & rural industries. Women entrepreneurs from Tribal areas are provided 30% margin money for projects upto Rs.10.00 lacs and 10% of the project costing over and above Rs.10 lakhs upto Rs.25 lakhs. Ministry of Tribal Affairs also provides grants to various states under Special Central assistance to Tribal Sub Plan and Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India. The Special Central Assistance is basically meant for family-oriented income generating schemes in sectors of agriculture, horticulture, minor irrigation, soil conservation, animal husbandry etc. All these schemes benefit Women and also the tribal farmers.