

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1852  
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NATIONAL LIVESTOCK POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a meeting was held in February, 2003 with the State Agriculture Ministers to discuss the National Livestock Policy in the face of challenges of free world trade;
- (b) if so, the matter discussed therein;
- (c) whether any concrete proposals have been finalised on issues pertaining to animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of unanimity achieved on issues which form part of the World Trade Organisation agreement?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The State Minister's Conference on Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries held on 3rd February, 2003 interalia discussed the draft National Livestock Policy and recommended the need for improving the quality of livestock and livestock products to world standards.

(c) & (d): The Conference interalia focused on enhancing the investment in the animal husbandry sector, genetic improvement of livestock, extension of Animal Health Services, regulation of inter-State transportation of diseased animals, provision of milk and milk products under the mid-day meal programme, promotion of in-land water aquaculture and deep sea fishing.

(e): The Conference expressed concerns about the challenges to Livestock and Fisheries Sectors in the context of World Trade Organisation and recommended for taking necessary measures to protect the interest of farmers.