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LIVESTOCK POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to boost the capacity of the livestock sector to increase growth in agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the salient features of the National Livestock Policy inter-alia indicating the time frame within which it is proposed to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The salient features OF the Proposed National Livestock Policy are as under:

- i) Enhancing productivity in Livestock and removal of constraints which hinder productivity;
- ii) To double the availability of animal protein from the present level of 10 gm per capita per day to 20 gm per capita per day within a decade.
- iii) To improve understanding of socio economic problems relating to small holding systems and development of appropriate extension modules for transfer of technology for small farm production.
- iv) Formulation of breeding policy for each Livestock species aiming at qualitative and quantitative improvement in livestock products.
- v) To provide quality assurance in the entire food chain to meet international standards concerning quality, hygiene and food safety.
- vi) Preparation of contingency plan concerning natural calamities and disease outbreaks which would also include appropriate insurance packages.
- vii) Strengthening of education infrastructure for training and retraining of Veterinary graduates, auxiliary staff as well as farmers.
- viii) Eradication and control of major animal diseases to improve productivity of animals and exploit export potential of livestock and livestock products.

The draft National Livestock Policy is under circulation before its presentation to the Cabinet. It is not possible to give time frame by which it is proposed to be implemented. However, it is expected to be launched before the end of the current financial year.

The National Livestock Policy provides broad guidelines for holistic development of the entire livestock sector. Therefore, to meet its objectives various short, medium and long term programmes will have to be implemented over a period of time.

Since Livestock sector is a state subject, the states will have to adopt the policy and launch suitable programmes specific to their needs so as to meet the overall national objectives of livestock development in order to ensure food security of the nation and general welfare of rural and urban population.