

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether animal husbandry sector is unprofitable in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to make animal husbandry sector profitable?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) No, Madam. In fact the production of most animal products show substantial increase over the years.
- (b) Question does not arise.

(c) The animal husbandry is a State subject. However, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding, Assistance to State Poultry/Ducks farms, Project for Feed & Fodder Development, Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases, Livestock Insurance to make animal husbandry sector more profitable. The Central Government provides financial assistance to State Governments for implementation of the schemes. Various field studies conducted at different states by ICAR and state agricultural universities found that the sector is a profitable venture and it provides regular and sustainable income to farmers and provides livelihood security to the vast majority of animals keepers in our country.