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EMPLOYMENT IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERY SECTORS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether animal husbandry and fishery sector have immense potential and a large population of the country are employed in the said sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise; {
- (c) the details of animal husbandry and fishery schemes under implementation in the country including Bihar and Jharkhand and the funds allocated/utilized for the development of such sectors during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to enhance the employment opportunities in these sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) & (b) According to National Sample survey Organization's latest Survey (July 2004-June 2005 NSS 61st round) on Employment & unemployment, 5.5% of work force are engaged in animal Husbandry sector. The Proportion of workers in animal Husbandry & fisheries sectors together is 5.8% in the Country.

(c) The department is implementing the following animal husbandry and fishery sector schemes:

- (i) National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding
- (ii) Fodder Development Scheme
- (iii) Poultry Development
- (iv) Poultry Venture Capital Fund
- (v) Conservation of Threatened livestock Breeds
- (vi) Assistance to States for Control of Diseases.
- (vii) National Project on Rinderpest Eradication
- (viii) Foot and Mouth disease Control Programme
- (ix) Professional efficiency development
- (x) Development of Marine Fisheries infrastructure and post harvest operations
- (xi) Development of Inland fisheries & Aquaculture
- (xii) National scheme of Welfare of fishermen
- (xiii) Financial assistance provided to the farmers/ fishermen
- (xiv) Strengthening of Database & Geographical information system for the Fisheries Sector

The Position of funds released for the development of such scheme during the last three years and the current year is annexed.

(d) Various steps are taken by the Government to enhance the employment opportunities such as free distribution of minikits to farmers for production of fodder seeds, setting up of 54 intensive small ruminant development clusters, introduction of rural backyard poultry development, vast potential for enhanced production of fish in the inland sector etc.

