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CONTRIBUTION OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND ALLIED SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether animal husbandry, dairying and fishery sectors are playing vital role in the economic development of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the percentage contribution of these sectors to the GDP of the country during the 9th and 10th Five Year Plans, sector-wise;
- (c) whether the potential of such sectors have not been optimized due to insufficient financial assistance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government to extend adequate financial assistance for the development of these sectors?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Livestock sector plays an important role in Indian economy and is an important sub-sector of Indian agriculture. Livestock provides stability to family income specially in the arid and semi- arid regions of the country and is an insurance against the vagaries of nature due to drought, famine and other natural calamities. Major part of the livestock population is concentrated in the marginal and small size of holdings.

Fisheries sector also contributes significantly to the national economy while providing livelihood to approximately 14.49 million people in the country. It has been recognized as a powerful income and employment generator as it stimulates growth of a number of subsidiary industries and is a source of cheap and nutritious food besides being a source of foreign exchange earner. The estimated contribution of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries in the total GDP of the country is enclosed as Annexure-I

(c) & (d) The livestock and fisheries sectors together contributed about 26.8% of the value of output from agriculture and allied sectors in 2008-09. Contribution of these sectors to total GDP during the same period was 4.07%. The livestock and fisheries sectors have to contend with competing demands of other sectors for allocation of financial resources. Availability of additional financial allocations would enable these sectors to enhance the realization of their potential. Funds received by the Department during 9th, 10th and 11th Five Year Plans till 2010-11 against Central Plan Outlay are enclosed as Annexure-II

(e) The financial allocation to the DADF has increased from Rs. 2500.00 crore in the 10th Five Year Plan to Rs. 8174.00 crore in the 11th Five Year Plan . The availability of funds to these sectors is also augmented through the allocations under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna. For development of the fishery sector, funding pattern of the fishery schemes has been revised during the XI th Five Year Plan and the schemes have been made more attractive for the states to access funds. Department is also drawing up state-level plans for fisheries development in collaboration with National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)