

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF EMBRYOS OF LIVESTOCK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage the import of embryos to meet the demand and supply gap for producing good quality livestock in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Government is implementing National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding, under which allocation of Rs. 3.75 crore has been made for import of 1500 quality embryos in order to meet the demand of quality germplasm in the country. Department has finalized standards and specifications for import of embryos in terms of milk yield and milk fat percentage to ensure quality of imported germplasm.