

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SMALL SCALE LIVESTOCK FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the scope of small scale livestock farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and findings thereof;
- (c) whether there are any schemes to promote small scale livestock farming in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Several studies have been conducted to assess the scope of small scale livestock farming in the country. These studies have been conducted in different states at different points of time.

(b) Some of the studies are as follows:

- (i) Comprehensive study on the Dairy Sector in Assam.
- (ii) AP CESS Project on `Impact of Trade Policy Reforms and Food Safety Standard on Processed Food Exports from India`.
- (iii) Improving Farm to Market Linkages through Contract Farming. A case study of Small Holder Dairying in India.

These studies along with other studies emphasized that small scale livestock farming is an integral part of mixed farming system in India. It contributes to enhancement of income, employment, food and nutrition security.

(c, d&e) There are several schemes for livestock development such as Integrated Dairy Development Programme, National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding, Integrated Development of Small Ruminants & Rabbits, Salvaging & Rearing of Male Buffalo Calves, Pig Development, Rural Backyard Poultry Development, Fodder Development Scheme etc.