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LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN IN DAIRY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the empowerment of women in the field of dairy, animal husbandry and agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the contribution of women in the said field and in the dairy cooperative sector is at the forefront;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the assistance provided/being provided by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBUC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) & (b) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries have not formulated any specific scheme for the empowerment of women in the field of dairy, animal husbandry and agriculture. However, the Ministry of Women & Child Development is implementing a Central Sector Scheme namely `Support to Training & Employment Programme for Women` for marginalized women to ensure employment and income generation of women through training and skill upgradation. The scheme seeks to provide updated skills to poor women in ten traditional sectors including agriculture, animal husbandry and dairying.

(c, d & e) Women have been at the forefront of Dairy Cooperative Movement. National Dairy Development Board is implementing the programme, namely `Enhancing Women Involvement in Dairy Cooperatives` to support milk unions to enhance & sustain participation of women in management and governance of dairy cooperatives. Women are also benefited by participation in the Departmental Schemes such as Intensive Dairy Development Programme, Strengthening of Infrastructure for Quality of Clean Milk Production, Assistance to Cooperatives and Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme, Integrated Development of Small Ruminants and Rabbits, Rural Backyard Poultry Development etc. Under the revised scheme `Macro Management in Agriculture`, at least 33% of allocation has to be provided for small, marginal and women farmers.

(f) The Ministry of Women & Child Development provides financial assistance to women beneficiaries through various implementing agencies.