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LIVESTOCK POPULATION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has the highest livestock population in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the surplus milk producing States in the country
- (d) whether there is a need to concentrate on these States for setting up processing units due to the availability of milk in huge quantity; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b) India has the second highest livestock population (486 million) in the world after China (855 million) as per the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)'s data on Livestock population for the year 2008.

(c) Information on number of dairy plants and their processing capacity as on 31st March 2010 and estimates of milk production during the year 2009-10 for the major milk producing States is enclosed as Annexure I.

(d) & (e) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India is implementing the following schemes for promotion of dairy sector:

(1) Centrally Sponsored Scheme- 'Intensive Dairy Development Programme' is implemented in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas' and also in districts, which received less than Rs 50.00 lakh for dairy development under Operation Flood programme. Under the scheme funds are given on 100% grant-in-aid basis for all components except component of cattle induction for which grant of 50% the cost of cattle as per NABARD norms is given. The main objectives of the scheme are: development of milch cattle, increasing milk production by providing technical input services, procurement, processing and marketing of milk and ensuring remunerative prices to milk producers.

(2) Centrally Sponsored Scheme- 'Strengthening infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production' is being implemented on 100% Grant-in-aid basis for components viz. (a) training of fanner members, (b) supplying detergents, stainless steel utensils, adulteration test kit, disinfectants etc (c) strengthening of existing laboratory facilities. The scheme also provide funds for setting up of milk chilling facilities at village level in the form of bulk milk coolers in the ratio of 75:25 between Government of India and respective dairy cooperative society/union.

(3) Central Sector Scheme - Dairy Entrepreneurship Development: The scheme 'Venture capital fund Dairy/Poultry sector' was started during 2004-05 to bring about structural changes in the unorganized sector through measures like milk processing at village level, marketing of milk in a cost effective manner, quality up-gradation by using modern equipments. The scheme Dairy Venture Capital Fund (DVCF) has been modified with effect from 1st September 2010, keeping in view the recommendations made by evaluation study done by Centre for Management Development, Kerala and the request made by implementing agencies, State Governments and Banks.

The scheme has been renamed as 'Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme'. Other major changes made in the scheme are:

i. Instead of Interest Free Loan (IFL), back-ended capital subsidy of 25% of the cost of the project would be provided to the beneficiaries of the scheme.

ii. The rate of capital subsidy under the scheme for Schedule Cast and Schedule Tribe beneficiaries would be at the rate of 33.33%.

iii. All districts including Operation Flood districts would be eligible for setting up of small dairy unit of 10 animals (crossbred cows, recognized indigenous milch breeds like Red Sindhi, Sahiwal, Gir, Rathi and graded buffaloes).

iv. Financial limits for the existing components has been revised upwards and assistance will be provided to new component like Vermi-compost, Dairy Marketing Outlet/Dairy Parlor and crossbred female calf, indigenous cattle calf and graded buffaloes calf rearing upto 20 numbers.