

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR MILCH CATTLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any financial assistance is being provided to various State Governments for breeding milch cattle and facilities related to their health;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes being run in this regard;
- (c) the assistance provided under the said schemes and the amount released thereunder during the last three years, Statewise;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted for evaluating the operation of these schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details of the progress made under these schemes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Government is implementing schemes namely, National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) and Livestock Health and Disease Control under which assistance is given to the States for breeding milch cattle and for under taking activities related to livestock health.
- (c) The assistance released under these schemes during each of the last three years and current year State wise and year wise is given at Annexure-I and II.
- (d) & (e) The National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding was evaluated by independent agency (NABARD Consultancy Services - NABCONS) in 12 States, which had substantially completed implementation of Phase-I. Phase-II of the project was initiated in December 2006 taking into account the recommendations of the evaluating agency.