

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF CATTLE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received reports that banks are not showing interest in providing loans for purchasing cattle and insurance companies are not keen in giving insurance for cattle;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that loans are provided by the banks for purchase of cattle and insurance for cattle is made easily available by the insurance companies?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) In addition to assistance being provided by banks and insurance companies, Government of India is also providing back ended capital subsidy ( 25% of outlay for General Category and 33.33% for Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes) for purchase of cattle under Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme, being implemented through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), under which loans are provided by eligible financial institutions (banks) subject to norms for establishment of small dairy unit. Government of India is also providing subsidy to the farmers for getting their cattle insured by providing 50 percent of the premium of insurance paid (restricted to 2 milch animals per beneficiary per household) under Livestock Insurance Scheme.