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NATIONAL LIVESTOCK POLICY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a National Livestock Policy;
- (b) if so,, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the draft of such policy has been prepared and sent to the State Governments for there suggestions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the names of the projects launched for the growth of livestock in the country during the last two decades, State-wise; and
- (f) the target fixed and achieved in this regards?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The National Livestock Policy will provide common guidelines to the States to implement various state-specific programmes so as to achieve national goals and objectives concerning improvement in animal productivity, infusion of appropriate technologies for quality assurance to meet international standards, marketing linkages, extension services, restructuring of institutions and support in terms of enhanced investment and installation of an effective mechanism to sustain the same. The salient features of the proposed National Livestock Policy are as under: i) Enhancing productivity in Livestock and removal of constraints, which hinder productivity;

ii) To double the availability of animal protein from the present level of 10 gm per capita per day to 20 gm per capita per day within a decade.

iii) To improve understanding of socio economic problems relating to small holding systems and development of appropriate extension modules for transfer of technology for small farm production.

iv) Formulation of breeding policy for each Livestock species aiming at qualitative and quantitative improvement in livestock products.

v) To provide quality assurance in the entire food chain to meet international standards concerning quality, hygiene and food safety.

vi) Preparation of contingency plan concerning natural calamities and disease outbreaks, which would also include appropriate insurance packages.

vii) Strengthening of education infrastructure for training and retraining of Veterinary graduates, auxiliary staff as well as farmers.

viii) Eradication and control of major animal diseases to improve productivity of animals and exploit export potential of livestock and livestock products.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The draft National Livestock Policy was circulated to all States/ UTs for comments/ concurrence and was placed in the Conference of the State Ministers of Animal Husbandry on 13th September, 2008. It was unanimously agreed in the said Conference. Thereafter, a draft Cabinet Note on National Livestock Policy was circulated to various central Ministries/ Planning Commission etc. for their comments. The projections in the National Livestock Policy are being updated,

(e) & (f) There is no specific project launched for growth of Livestock by the Government of India. Nevertheless, Government of India supplements the activities of the State Governments in ensuring growth of livestock. Such schemes are demand driven and Central assistance is released to the States within the plan ceiling.