

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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``INSURANCE COVERAGE TO LIVESTOCK``
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes implemented by the Government to provide insurance cover to the livestock, fishes and poultry in the country;
- (b) the salient features of each of the schemes,
- (c) whether any of these schemes are in force in Gujarat; and
- (d) if so, the details of the financial assistance given to the State, so far under various schemes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Livestock Insurance Scheme to provide assistance to livestock farmers and cattle rearers is being implemented in the country since 2005-06.

The Government of India introduced the Livestock Insurance scheme on a pilot basis during 2005-06 in 100 selected districts of all the States. The scheme covers 300 selected districts from 10.12.2009. The scheme benefits livestock farmers and cattle rearers having indigenous/ crossbred milch cattle and buffaloes. Benefit of subsidy is restricted to two animals per beneficiary per household. The funds under the scheme are utilized for payment of premium subsidy, honorarium to veterinary practitioners and publicity campaign for creation of awareness. 50 percent of the premium of insurances paid by the beneficiary and the remaining 50 per cent is paid by the Government of India. The scheme is implemented through the State Livestock Development Boards. Where no such Board exists, the scheme is being implemented by the State Directorate of Animal husbandry.

In addition to above, there is a provision for insurance under `Integrated Development of Small Ruminants & Rabbits` for setting up of commercial / private breeding of sheep/goat/rabbit for which there is an allocation of Rs. 12.00 crores for insurance cover during the XIth Plan.

Further under the schemes `Pig Development` & `Salvaging & Rearing of Male Buffalo Calves` a 25% subsidy of the unit cost is provided through NABRD. The Unit cost in these schemes include insurance costs (5% of animal cost). No Insurance Scheme is being implemented to cover fishes and poultry.

(c) & (d) Livestock Insurance Scheme is being implemented in Gujarat. The details of the financial assistance given to the Gujarat are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Funds release
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2005-06	150.00
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2006-07	271.00
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2007-08	0.00
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2008-09	0.00
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2009-2010 0.00

2010-2011 200.00

2011-2012 300.00

Total 921.00