

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:91
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DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AND POULTRY FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to educate and promote entrepreneurship amongst farmers for adoption of scientific methods for dairy development and poultry farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the schemes launched/proposed to be launched for this purpose;
- (c) the funds earmarked and provided to the farmers under various schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the success achieved in developing entrepreneurship among the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 91 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/03/2012 REGARDING "DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AND POULTRY FARMING"

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b), (c) & (d): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) undertakes Research and Development (R&D) programmes through institute based projects as well as projects in All India Coordinated / Network mode in collaboration with State Agricultural / Veterinary Universities, Non Government Organizations and other State / Central Government Departments. While there are no funds earmarked for the farmers as such, these programmes are for farmers' training and workshops. The names and location of Animal Science Institutes, All India Coordinated Research/Network Project Centres involved in dairy and poultry farming R&D is given at Annexure – I. Poultry germplasm in the form of fertile eggs, day old chicks and parent stocks are provided to the State Governments and poultry farmers on demand. The State-wise details of germplasm supplied during the last three years is given at Annexure – II.

The Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries (DAHD&F) implemented Dairy Venture Capital Fund (DVCF) scheme from 2004-05 up to 31st August, 2010 for promoting dairy entrepreneurship among the farmers. The scheme was modified after evaluation and renamed as Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) with effect from 1st September, 2010. The DAHD&F is initiating the National Dairy Plan, Phase I (2011-12 to 2016-17) to promote dairy farming amongst the farmers so as to supplement their income. The details of the schemes are given at Annexure-III.

As far as Poultry is concerned, a Central Sector Scheme, 'Poultry Venture Capital Fund' being implemented through National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development and component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Poultry Development" viz. 'Poultry Estates'(on pilot basis) with one of the objectives of developing entrepreneurial skills among farmers. No State-wise funds are earmarked / allocated for the schemes mentioned. The funds released are for various purposes like infrastructure, capacity building, waiving off of interests on 50% of the loan etc. The releases made during the last three years and the physical performance indicating the success may kindly be seen at Annexure- IV.