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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 alongwith the salient features thereon;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to launch technology mission for the livestock sector;
- (d) if so, vhe details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the National Policy and the Technology Mission for livestock are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(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 enhance 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) Formi lation of breeding policy for each Livestock species aiming at qualitative and quant ith e 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) Strenigthening of education infrastructure for training and retraining of Veterinaiy 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) No, Madam.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) The National Livestock Policy is uruter active consideration. Hence, it is not possible to give Ejji time frame by which it is proposed to be implemented.