

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:499
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GENETIC UPGRADATION OF CATTLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a National Scheme for the genetic upgradation of cattle and buffaloes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the policy would be announced and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Genetic improvement is a long term activity and Government of India has initiated a major programme 'National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding' (NPCBB) from October 2000 over a period of ten years, in two phases each of five years, with an allocation of Rs.402 crore for phase- I. In order to consolidate the gain made during Phase-I and to enhance coverage, Phase-II of the project has been initiated from December 2006, with an allocation of Rs.775.87 crore. NPCBB envisages genetic upgradation of bovine population on priority basis and also has focus on development and conservation of indigenous breeds.

(c) Question does not arise.