

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BREEDING OF EMU
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra have been breeding Emu for more than ten years and the farmers are getting more profit out of it than breeding other birds and animals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy on breeding of this bird and 25% subsidy is being given in the six districts of Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE, & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) & (b) Many entrepreneurs in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra are known to have taken up breeding emu for some time. However, there are no comparative studies known to illustrate that they are getting more profit out of it than breeding other birds and animals.
- (c) & (d) Government of India is already implementing a Central Sector Scheme, 'Poultry Venture Capital Fund' through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) wherein among other items breeding farms for emu is included. The scheme is implemented in all States of the country including Bihar. The proportion of subsidy is 33.3% for SC/ST & NER areas and others 25 % on bankable projects since 2011-12. Prior to this in 2009-10 and 2010-11, the scheme was on interest-free loan mode.