

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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QUESTION SOFT LOANS TO POULTRY FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide soft loans to the farmers engaged in poultry farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction in the Twelfth Plan period; and
- (c) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c): The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has reported that they have no proposal for providing soft loans to farmers engaged in poultry farming. A Central Sector Scheme Poultry Venture Capital Fund` (subsidy) scheme is being implemented by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) under which back-ended capital subsidy is provided @ 33.33% for SC/ST & North Eastern Region and @ 25%, for others. The scheme has been extended for the financial year 2012-13 by the Government of India (Gol). Financial assistance to Animal Husbandry is classified under Priority Sector lending by banks. NABARD refinances banks against their lending under this activity.