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EMPLOYMENT IN DAIRY INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any specific scheme with a view to create additional employment in dairy industry in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked under the scheme; and
- (c) if not, the specific steps taken by the Government to create additional employment in dairy industry in rural areas of the country?

Answer

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

(a) Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries is implementing Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) from 1st September, 2010 through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for dairy development and creating employment in both organised and unorganised dairy sector.

(b) The Scheme aims at promoting entrepreneurship and self employment in rural areas by providing credit assistance to agricultural farmers, individual entrepreneurs and groups of unorganized sector and organized sector including self-help groups, dairy cooperative societies, Milk unions, and Milk federations etc. The objectives of the scheme are:

Setting up modern dairy farms for production of clean milk

Encourage heifer calf rearing for conservation and development of good breeding stock

Bring structural changes in unorganized sector so that initial processing of milk can be taken up at village level.

Up gradation of traditional technology to handle milk on commercial scale

Generate self employment and provide infrastructure mainly for unorganized dairy sector.

The scheme provides credit assistance as back ended capital subsidy 25% for general category and 33.33 % for SC/ST beneficiaries of the outlay subject to component wise ceiling. There is budget provision of Rs 150 crore under the scheme during the current financial year 2012-13.

c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.