

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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GAU SEVA AYOGS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of States which have their `Gau Seva Ayog`, State-wise;
- (b) the budget allocation to such Ayogs by the Union Government; and
- (c) the steps taken by such Boards/ Ayogs for improvement in the quality of indigenous cow and their breeds?

Answer

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

- (a) This Ministry does not maintain State-wise information about Gau Seva Ayog.
- (b) No budgetary allocation has been made by this Ministry to Gau Seva Ayogs for development and conservation of indigenous breeds. However, Government is implementing National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) for genetic upgradation of bovine population on 100% grant-in-basis. Central assistance to the tune of Rs 250 crore has been made available to State Implementing Agencies/Livestock Development Boards during 12f1 Plan for development and conservation of indigenous breeds.
- (c) Live Stock Development Boards take the following steps for improvement in the quality of indigenous cows and their breeds: i) implementation of bull production programme; ii) strengthening of bull mother farms of indigenous breeds; iii) progeny testing programme; iv) establishment of open nucleus breeding system; v) supply of high genetic merit bulls for natural service and artificial insemination (AI); vi) organization of seminars and workshops and vii) training of private AI workers, existing AI technicians and professionals.