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NATIONAL LIVESTOCK POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a National Livestock Policy to increase the population of livestock;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the policy;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing various schemes to improve the breeds of livestock and domestic cattle;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the financial assistance provided by the Government to various States in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Draft National Livestock Policy formulated by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries aims at providing common guidelines to the States to implement various state-specific programmes so as to achieve national goals and objectives. The salient features include concerning improvement in animal productivity, infusion of appropriate technologies for quality assurance to meet international standards, extension services, restructuring of institutions and support in terms of enhanced investment and installation of an effective mechanism to sustain the same.
- (c) & (d) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has been implementing various centrally sponsored Schemes/ Central Sector schemes in the States/UTs. These schemes include livestock Health and disease Control, Feed and Fodder, Dairy Development, Fishery Development and National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding.
- (e) The financial assistance provided by the Government to various States under these schemes of the department for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is annexed.