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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is implementing a scheme, 'Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Programme' (DEDP) to assist the dairy farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any representation from the State Government of Kerala seeking financial assistance under DEDP; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is implementing Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) since 1.09.2010 through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and provides back ended capital subsidy of 25% of the project cost for General category and 33.33% of the project cost for SC & ST beneficiaries as Central assistance to the bankable projects through Commercial, Cooperative, Urban and Rural Banks across the country subject to norms of the scheme. NABARD is the nodal agency for implementation of DEDS scheme.

(c)&(d) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries had received request from the State Government of Kerala for financial support for Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) in March, 2013. The financial assistance under the scheme is not given directly to the State Governments and is given as back ended capital subsidy to the entrepreneur through NABARD, the nodal agency for implementation of the scheme. The department had released an amount of Rs 170 crore in March, 2013 to NABARD for further release of subsidy to various States including Kerala, on first come first serve basis. In the State of Kerala, an amount of Rs 1613.65 lakh has been released as a back ended capital subsidy to establish 5,067 dairy units under the scheme upto 30.11.2013.