

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3161
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ASSISTANCE OF DAIRY FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the distress being faced by the dairy farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the measures proposed to provide assistance to the dairy farmers;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide loans at low rate of interest to dairy farmers of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received several proposals from various States including Karnataka for expanding the dairy programmes; and
- (f) if so, the response of the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) There is no report of distress being faced by dairy farmers in the country.
- (c) & (d) Government does not provide loans to dairy farmers. However, under Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme, loans are provided by the Commercial, Regional Rural and Urban, State Cooperative, State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks and such other institutions, which are eligible for refinance from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to dairy farmers/entrepreneurs, for which a back ended subsidy is provided by the Government for the loan so disbursed.
- (e) & (f) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries have not received any proposals for expanding dairy programmes from State Governments. However, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing following schemes to assist the dairy farmers;
 - i National Dairy Plan Phase-I)
 - ii Intensive Dairy Development Programme
 - iii. Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production.
 - iv. Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme

The details of assistance provided under these schemes are annexed.