

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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REARING OF SHEEP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sheep rearing is an important occupation in several States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of various schemes being run by the Union Government for development of sheep rearing alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether any special project has been prepared/proposed to be prepared for development of sheep rearing in the country including Rajasthan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof. State-wise; and
- (f) the extent to which these schemes/projects have been successful?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) to (e) Yes, Madam. Sheep rearing is an important economic activity in several States in the country.

2. The following schemes are being run by the Union Government for development of sheep rearing:

(i) Central Sheep Breeding Farm, Hisar has been established with the objective of supply` of acclimatize rams for breeding purposes, training of shepherd in mechanical sheep shearing and model sheep husbandry practices. The funds allocated during the years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 were Rs. 176.00 lakh, Rs. 140.00 lakh, Rs. 200.00 lakh and Rs. 221.00 lakh respectively.

(ii) Conservation of Threatened Breeds of Livestock is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme meant to provide assistance to State Governments for conservation of indigenous livestock breeds where population has reached to threatened status. Conservation of Garole (West Bengal), Bonpala (West Bengal), Madgyal (Maharashtra) and Bandur (Karnataka) breeds of sheep has been supported under the scheme. Plan allocation for the years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 were Rs. 600.00 lakh, Rs. 221.00 lakh, Rs. 190.00 lakh and Rs. 400.00 lakh respectively. Funds were released under the scheme to West Bengal was Rs.28.54 lakhs during 2006-07. Similarly, an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs were released to Maharashtra during 2009-10 under this scheme.

(iii) Integrated Development of Small Ruminants and Rabbits is a new Central Sector Scheme launched during the current financial year with an allocation of Rs. 1833 lakh for 2009-10. The funds under the scheme are yet to be released.

3. The above schemes are not State specific.

(f) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, conservation of Threatened Breeds of Livestock was evaluated by the NABCONS, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) during 10th Plan and it was found a reasonably successful scheme.