

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY DEVELOPMENT IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any ambitious scheme pertaining to livestock and dairy development in various tribal dominant areas in the country including backward districts of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be approved; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government may consider such schemes for economic empowerment of large number of people from villages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a) to (c): The Ministry has not formulated any new specific scheme pertaining to livestock and dairy development for Tribals / Scheduled Tribes in the country. However, these activities are given due attention through various schemes/programmes of concerned Central Ministries and the State Governments, while the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides additive to these initiatives by way of plugging critical gaps. During the current financial year 2014-15, the Ministry has impressed upon the State Governments to focus on the following initiatives for promotion of Dairy development in order to create enabling environment for tribals to earn their livelihood at doorsteps and increase employment opportunities:

Cooperative based dairy development, Setting up of processing / chilling units with proper facilities to sale of milk at reasonable price.

Launching of drive for deworming and other veterinary services to improve and upgrade the quality of local cattle through State Cooperatives.

Improvement of local breed for high yield through Artificial Insemination (AI).

Providing training and assistance with backward and forward linkages for self-employment.