

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW BREEDS OF DESI COWS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up two national centres to develop new breeds of `Desi` cows and support a network of `Integrated Indigenous Cattle Centres` across the country to increase the milk production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the time by which these centres are likely to be set up along with the expenditure involved therein; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the production of milk in the country and conserve the breed of livestock/cows?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

- (a) to (c) Government has initiated establishment of two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres (NKBC) to develop and conserve Indigenous Breeds in a holistic and scientific manner. The centres will serve as: a) gene bank; b) repositories of indigenous germplasm and c) source of certified germplasm. Amount of Rs 25 crore each has been released to the States of Andhra Pradesh (NKBC for southern region) and Madhya Pradesh (NKBC for Northern region). Core activities of the project will be completed by 2016-17.
- (d) The government has been implementing following schemes to boost the production of milk in the country and conserve indigenous bovine breeds: a) National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development; b) National Dairy Plan; c) Central Cattle Breeding Farms; d) Central Herd Registration Scheme and Central Semen Production and Training Institute.