

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN INDIGENOUS CATTLE BREED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to further strengthen the States in terms of ongoing efforts of the States towards improving the indigenous cattle breed for National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres (NKBC) projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any criteria has been earmarked for selection of the States for NKBC;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Rajasthan is being considered for sanctioning NKBC; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b) Government of India has initiated a scheme National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre (NKBC) in December 2014 to further strengthen the efforts made by the States for development and conservation of indigenous breeds. The scheme envisages establishment of two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres one each for northern and southern region respectively.

(c) & (d) Following basic criteria has been set up for establishment of National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre: a) recommendation of State Government; b) implementing agency; c) ability to meet recurring expenses; d) status of land; e) breeding tract for indigenous breeds; f) climatic suitability; g) number of cattle breeding farms maintained by implementing agency and h) number of A graded semen stations maintained by implementing agency. These attributes were rated and weighted during selection of implementing agency.

(e) & (f) The proposal submitted by the State of Rajasthan was considered by the Project Sanctioning Committee of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries and as the proposal had low merit in comparison to other States, the establishment of NKBC was not sanctioned to Rajasthan.