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Poultry Farming

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that poultry farms and their managements are in distress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the current status of eggs per annum and the Feed Conversion Ratio in terms of feed consumption and weight gains in the Poultry Sector;
- (d) whether low input technology birds have been developed for meat and egg production to promote the poultry farming; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to promote the poultry sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) No, Madam. There are no studies available or any communications from State Governments regarding poultry farms and their management in distress.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The provisional annual egg production estimates (2014-15) in the country is around 78.48 billion numbers. The average annual yield rate of eggs per laying hen is around 106 and 277 numbers in case of desi and improved fowls respectively. In the pureline population under All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP), the annual egg production was 314 eggs [Directorate of Poultry Research (DPR) Annual Report 2013-14]. As regards Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR), the multi coloured commercial broiler developed under the Project recorded FCR (feed consumption/body weight gain) of 2.0 - 2.2, while the fast growing commercial white broiler from industry source recorded FCR of 1.62-1.64 (DPR Annual Report 2014-15).

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e) Low input technology birds have been developed for mainly addressing livelihood issues. Reared mostly in the backyard in rural households, these birds provide nutrition to the family and helps in supplementary income generation. Chabro, Kalinga Brown, CARI-Nirbhik, CARI-HITCARI, CARI-UPCARI, Vanaraja, Gramapriya, Kaveri, Giriraja, Girirani, Swarnadhara, Rajasri, Nandanam 99, Krishipriya, Gramashree, Gramalakshmi are some of the low-input technology birds developed by Research and Development Institutes in India like Central Avian Research Institute, Directorate on Poultry Research, Central Poultry Development Organizations and State Veterinary Universities.

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is currently implementing the National Livestock Mission (NLM), and with respect to Poultry, there are programs for strengthening the State Poultry farms in terms of modernization, automation and biosecurity to enable production of stocks of low-input technology chicken. There is provision for supporting Below Poverty Level families to encourage rearing of backyard poultry. There is also provision under NLM for a number of poultry farming activities wherein back-ended capital subsidy is provided to the farmers