

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:120
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2015
Rashtriya Gokul Mission
Kalvakuntla Smt. Kavitha

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission along with the various components of the Mission;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated by the Government under the said scheme during 2014-15, State-wise; and
- (c) the number and details of National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres in the country till date, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE
(Shri MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b) "Rashtriya Gokul Mission", a new initiative under National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development has been launched with the aim to conserve and develop indigenous bovine breeds in a focused and scientific manner. The Rashtriya Gokul Mission is being implemented with the objectives of: a) development and conservation of indigenous breeds b) breed improvement programme for indigenous cattle breeds to improve their genetic makeup and increase the stock; c) enhancement of milk production and productivity; d) upgradation of nondescript cattle using elite indigenous breeds like Gir, Sahiwal, Rathi, Deoni, Tharparkar, Red Sindhi and e) distribution of disease free high genetic merit bulls for natural service.

Following are the components of the scheme a) establishment of Integrated Indigenous Cattle Centres viz "Gokul Gram"; b) strengthening of bull mother farms to conserve high genetic merit Indigenous Breeds; c) establishment of Field Performance Recording (FPR) in the breeding tract d) assistance to Institutions/Institutes which are repositories of best germplasm; e) implementation of Pedigree Selection Programme for the Indigenous Breeds with large population; f) Establishment of Breeder's Societies: Gopalan Sangh g) distribution of disease free high genetic merit bulls for natural service h) incentive to farmers maintaining elite animals of indigenous breeds; i) heifer rearing programme; award to Farmers ("Gopal Ratna") and Breeders' Societies ("Kamadhenu"); j) organization of Milk Yield Competitions for indigenous breeds and k) organization of Training Programme for technical and non technical personnel working at the Institute/Institutions engaged in indigenous cattle development. The details of the funds allocated under the said scheme during 2014-15 is given at Annexure-I.

(c) Establishment of Two "National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre" one in northern region and the other in the southern region of the country has been sanctioned with the aim for development, conservation and preservation of all indigenous bovine breeds as a Centre of Excellence. The National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre, besides being a repository of indigenous germplasm, will also be a source of certified germplasm in the Country. Funds have been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh for establishment of NKBC for southern and northern region respectively.