

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Rashtriya Gokul Mission

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by the Government to various States under Rashtriya Gokul Mission during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to shell out more of milch animals than Rs. 580 crore under Rashtriya Gokul Mission to conserve the indigenous breeds of milch animals which are facing the threat of extinction due to competition from the exotic and cross breeds, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has undertaken a breed improvement programme of the indigenous cattle, enhancement of milk production and productivity of native bovines, upgradation of non-descript breeds using elite indigenous breeds, and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also true that the Government has taken a decision to distribute disease free high genetic merit bulls to farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the concrete efforts made by the Government to increase milk production in backward, tribal areas and naxal affected of the country?

Answer

(a) & (b) The details of funds released by the Government for protection and promotion of indigenous cow breeds under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is given at Annexure-I. Till date projects from 27 States have been sanctioned under the scheme with an allocation of Rs 582.09 crore.

(c) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the State for enhancement of milk production and productivity of native bovines and upgradation of nondescript breeds using elite indigenous breeds government of India has initiated following schemes:

I. Rashtriya Gokul Mission (Part of National Programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development)

II. Establishment of two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres as repository of indigenous bovine germplasm

III. National Dairy Plan-I

IV. Central Herd Registration Scheme

V. Central Cattle Breeding Farms

(d) Assistance is made available to participating States under Rashtriya Gokul Mission for induction of high genetic merit disease free bulls for natural service.

(e) Schemes for genetic upgradation of bovine population to enhance milk production and productivity are being implemented throughout the country including backward, tribal areas and naxal affected areas of the country.