

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRESERVATION OF INDIGENOUS BREED OF COWS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the milk production by developing and preserving the indigenous breed of cows;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the facilities/assistance being provided by the Government to cow rearers to improve the indigenous breed of cows;
- (d) whether the Government intend to set up two national centres which will be dedicated to developing new breeds of desi cows;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has proposal to start a centre in Tamil Nadu; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) In order to compliment and supplement the efforts made by the States the Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries is implementing following schemes to increase the milk production by development and conservation of indigenous breeds of cows:

(i) National programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBBDD)

(ii) National Dairy Plan-I

(iii) Central Cattle Breeding Farms

(iv) Central Herd Registration Scheme

(c) Following facilities/ assistance are being provided by the Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries to cow rearers to improve the indigenous breed of cows:

Providing quality Artificial Insemination(AI) services to indigenous animals

Supplying bulls of high genetic merit for natural service in the areas which are not covered through AI

Performance and recording of indigenous animals in order to identify elite animals for bull production

Organising fertility camps

Awarding farmers keeping elite indigenous animals

Formation of breeders associations

Farmers Training and awareness camps

Other extension activities

(d) & (e) Government has proposed to establish two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres (NKBC) one in north and one in south in order to undertake development and conservation of indigenous breeds in a focused and scientific manner.

(f) & (g) No proposal has been received from State Government of Tamil Nadu.