

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for promotion and development of Animal Husbandry in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of financial assistance released for Animal Husbandry Projects to the State during the last three years and current year;
- (d) whether it is a fact that piggery and poultry farms require more attention to make/ promote Industrial Growth in North-Eastern States; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Government has received proposals for financial assistance from State Government of Assam for promotion and development of Animal Husbandry under following Schemes implemented by the Department for the year 2014-15:

(i) National Programme for Bovine Breeding (NPBB) component of National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBB&DD): The proposal submitted by the State Government of Assam was not as per the guidelines of the scheme. The State has been requested to submit the revised proposal, which is still awaited.

(ii) Brucellosis Control Programme component of Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH&DC) Scheme: State has been requested to clarify the issue of funds utilized during 2013-14, under the programme.

In addition to this, Government has received a project proposal of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Assam titled "Integrated Natural Resource Management for Sustainable Livelihoods of Tribal communities in Bodoland Territory of Assam" for assistance from International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD).

The estimated cost of the project is Rs.955 crore, of which, Rs.429.90 crore is requested as Central Assistance. The Proposal comprises fisheries, small scale livestock including piggery, poultry, duckery, goatary, dairy, horticulture, sericulture etc. This Department has invited comments from Department of Horticulture, Department of Sericulture, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region etc.

(c) The details of the financial assistance released for Animal Husbandry Projects under various schemes implemented by the Department during last three years and current year to the State of Assam is Annexed.

(d) and (e) There are no specific comparative studies available with Department regarding giving more attention on piggery and poultry farms to make/ promote Industrial Growth in North-Eastern States.

However, Department is implementing National Livestock Mission (NLM) with the objectives of sustainable growth and development relating to livestock sector and poultry throughout the country including the North Eastern States. Further, for sustainable growth in the sector, the Sub-Mission on Livestock Development under NLM has included components like modernization and development of breeding infrastructure that covers the Poultry farms as well.

There is also persistent demand from the North Eastern States seeking support for all round development of pigs in the region. Therefore, pig development in the North Eastern Region is being taken up as a Sub- Mission of National Livestock Mission (NLM), i.e. Sub-Mission on Pig Development in North-Eastern Region. The sub-mission will strive to forge synergies of research and development organizations through appropriate interventions, as may be required for holistic development of pigs in the North Eastern Region including genetic improvement, health cover and post harvest operations.