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Title:Need to start Artificial Insemination Programme under National Rural Livelihood Mission.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Artificial insemination is one of the surest ways to produce improved breed of animals with lowest investment. Most of the animals (Cows & Buffaloes) in my Constituency in Andhra Pradesh are indigenous and low productive. Since they are available in large numbers, the best way to upgrade the breed is to artificially inseminate these animals. I am very sure that there are many more districts with similar situation. I request the Hon'ble Minister, through you Madam, to consider this as a priority item and to provide required infrastructural support viz. training to rural youth in all Panchayats and providing them with artificial insemination kits including dry ice cylinders (liquid nitrogen cylinders) to preserve semen and to support constant supply of quality semen through semen banks. Support to States like mine for training to these Para vets and supporting them with kits which may cost approximately Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 80,000- per candidate will be one time investment for years of returns.

I request the Government to give permission to start artificial insemination units under National Rural Livelihood Mission which may provide livelihood to specially skilled youth in Animal Husbandry.