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Title: Need to allocate more funds for National Livestock Mission.

DR. K. KAMARAJ (KALLAKURICHI): Madam, on behalf of the AIADMK and our hon. Chief Minister Amma, on Tribal's Day, I congratulate all the tribals in the country and those living in my constituency.

In Tamil Nadu, our hon. Chief Minister, Amma, has been implementing two flagship schemes for free distribution of milch cows, and goats and sheep to the poor women, especially the landless women, since the year 2011 on the birth anniversary of Peraraignar Anna. Twenty-nine per cent of the beneficiaries are the Scheduled Caste and one per cent are the Scheduled Tribe.

In the past five years, our Government has distributed about 60,000 milch cows and 28 lakh goats and sheep to 60,000 and seven lakh beneficiaries respectively. This has ushered in a second revolution in Tamil Nadu and nearly 955 milk cooperative societies have been formed and milk production has increased by two lakh litres per day. Free distribution of goats and sheep to 28 lakh beneficiaries has increased the farm income of women.

The Union Government started implementing the scheme National Livestock Mission from the year 2014-15. They have allotted about Rs. 12.43 crore for the year 2014-15 to Tamil Nadu. For the year 2015-16, they have allotted Rs. 4.87 crore. For the current year, 2016-17, they have given Rs. 7.04 crore despite the request of the State Government of Tamil Nadu, which has sent a proposal, for Rs. 25.5 crore. This National Livestock Scheme is a complementary scheme to the State Government's flagship scheme of free distribution of goats and milch cows which has resulted in improvement of the quantity and quality of the livestock production systems in the State and capacity building of the stakeholders.

Hence, I urge upon the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare to enhance the allocation and release the balance amount of Rs. 18.5 crore. Thank you.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्री कैरों पूसाद मिश्र को डॉ. के. कामराज द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।