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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2491
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th DECEMBER, 2024

PRODUCTION OF DONKEY, SHEEP AND GOAT MILK

2491. SHRI PARSHOTTAMBHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

the details of measures the Government has implemented in collaboration with State Governments to boost the production of donkey, sheep and goat milk as well as to enhance the populations of these milk-producing animals?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India is implementing National Livestock Mission (NLM) Scheme which aims towards increase in per animal productivity targeting increased production of donkey, sheep and goat milk as well as to enhance the populations of these animals. The scheme was modified on 21st February 2024 wherein breed-upgradation of Donkey was included.

Under this Scheme, the Department is supporting the entrepreneurs in the states for breed improvement in sheep, goat and donkey apart from other non bovine animals by providing the incentivization to the Individual, Farmer Producer Organizations, Farmer Cooperatives, Joint Liability Groups, Self Help Groups, Section 8 companies for entrepreneurship development. The Department is also providing funds to the states for genetic improvement of sheep, Goat and Donkey under the scheme National Livestock Mission.

The Scheme National Livestock Mission also aims to incentivize the Institutes, Universities, Organizations carrying out research and development related to sheep, goat, donkey. Under the Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme, the Department supports the states by providing funds for carrying out vaccination and deworming for prevention of animal diseases in sheep, goat and donkey.

Indian Council of Agriculture Research- Central Institute for Research on Goats(ICAR CIRG) has developed collaboration with State Animal Husbandry Department of Uttar Pradesh in 2024 on sustainable genetic improvement and conservation project for Jamunapari goat breed. Nearly 33 crore Rupees has approved by Department of Animal husbandry Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for the period 2024-25 to 2028-29. ICAR CIRG has also developed MoU with State Animal Husbandry

Department of Uttar Pradesh for providing training to goat farmers on scientific goat farming for improving the performance and economics. These centres of All India Coordinated research project on goat are running in 19 States, with the objective of conservation, genetic improvement and increasing meat and milk production . One Farmer Producer Organization on goat is running at Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

To boost the production of sheep milk, Indian Council of Agriculture Research- Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar established Patanwadi sheep flock at institute and conducting research for genetic improvement of Patanwadi sheep as dairy sheep through selective breeding. In order to increase availability of sheep milk for human consumption, technologies like milk replacer (Mamnprash) was developed for suckling lambs.

Indian Council of Agriculture Research- National Research Centre on equines (ICAR-NRCE), Hisar is imparting trainings to stakeholders for entrepreneurship development in donkey farming and conducting research on value addition to donkey milk and developing donkey milk products. ICAR-NRCE is running a network project on Animal Genetic Resources for the Conservation of Halari donkeys. In addition a project on establishing a Model Precision Donkey Farming and Exploration of Therapeutic and Cosmetic Values of Donkey Milk to Enhance Farmers' Income is also being run at ICAR-NRCE.
