

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3434  
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2003  
CATTLE INSURANCE SCHEME  
SURESH KURUP

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there had been an offer to the farmers for a scheme namely Health Linked Cattle Insurance Scheme` under the Kamadhenu Insurance Scheme;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are aware that the insurance company subsequently back tracked from the offer;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reasons there for;
- (d) whether the Government have any plan to implement its decision dated July 30, 2002 in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the steps being initiated thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) :

- (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Agriculture Government of India has not made any such offer. However, the Government of Kerala has made such an offer to the farmers of the State.
- (b) and (c) Government of Kerala has informed that the insurance company subsequently backtracked from the offer on the grounds that the new scheme would not be economically viable for the company. Also the insurance company has stated that any change in the existing Kamdhenu scheme has to be cleared by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) with actuarial and legal support for which steps have been initiated.
- (d) and (e) Discussions between the Government of Kerala and the insurance company are going on to revoke the new scheme.