

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2228  
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2005  
POULTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
Bishnoi Shri Kuldeep

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

- (a) whether Country's Poultry Development Programme has been concentrated on only one of the species i.e. chicken so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for diversification of the Poultry Development Programme by including other species in the Programme i.e. Duck, Turkey, Japanese Quail, Guinea Fowl etc. and for its suitably strengthening?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b)&(c): Does not arise. However, the Government has taken steps to diversify poultry farming since 1998 by undertaking the following activities at the four Central Poultry Development Organizations under the Government of India as follows:

- (i) Duck and Turkey farming at Central Poultry Development Organizations (Southern Region), Hessarghatta, Bangalore
- (ii) Japanese Quail farming Central Poultry Development Organizations (Western Region - Mumbai and Northern Region- Chandigarh).
- (iii) Guinea Fowl farming at Central Poultry Development Organization (Eastern Region, Bhubaneswar).

Further under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'Assistance to State Poultry Farms', provision has been made to strengthen farms of State Governments in respect of poultry including other species like Duck, Japanese Quail, Turkey and Guinea Fowl etc.