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LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF THREATENED LIVESTOCK BREEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had launched a scheme for conservation of threatened livestock breeds of small ruminants, per animals and equine during Tenth Five year Plan;
- (b) if so, the work done so far under the scheme; and
- (c) the assistance provided to farmers/breeders/Non-Governmental Organisations for conservation of threatened breeds of sheep, goat, pigs, camels, yak, horse, donkey and ponies during the last three years and thereafter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

- (a): Yes, Sir. However, the scheme does not cover pet animals but includes conservation of pack animals and small ruminants.
- (b): Altogether 14 States and the Union Territory Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands participated in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme who were provided with grants totaling Rs.952.55 lakh since inception of the scheme in 2002-03. This assistance was provided for conservation of 22 breeds altogether which included 5 goat breeds, 2 sheep breeds, 6 pig breeds, 6 horse and pony breeds, 2 varieties of yak and mithun.
- (c): During 2002-03 an amount of Rs.42.00 lakh was released to Marwari Horse Breeding and Research Institute for conservation of Marwari horses. During 2004-05 an amount of Rs.77.00 lakh was released to Manipuri Polo Association for conservation of Manipuri Pony.