

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ANIMAL CARE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated a massive and intensive campaign to create awareness among farmers that better animal care would lead to tangible economic benefits to them; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) is involved in creating awareness among the farmers of the country for better animal health and care regularly through its species specific research Institutes in different parts of the country. These Institutes are engaged in research activities aiming at enhancing productivity of the animals and bettering their health care. The technologies which emerge as a result of the research efforts are transferred to the farmers through a network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Institution village linked Programmes. A majority of these Institutes have divisions/sections which also undertake extension activities and organize animal health camps, farmer's fairs (Kisan Melas), demonstrations, short duration trainings, screening of documentary films and personal interaction with the farmers where main emphasis is laid on balanced feeding, scientific breeding, optimum management and better health care with focus on increasing production.