

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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POULTRY FARMING IN PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting poultry farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon;
- (c) the funds provided for the purpose during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;
- (d) whether poultry production has decreased in Punjab during the last one year;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government has provided any special assistance to the State in this regard;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is engaged in promoting poultry farming through following schemes:

(i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme, `Assistance to State Poultry/Duck Farms` under which one-time assistance is provided to strengthen State farms in terms of hatching, brooding and rearing of birds.

(ii) Central Sector Scheme `Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund`, which provides for assistance to entrepreneurs to establish poultry breeding farms with low input technology birds and for other related activities through bankable projects. The scheme has been implemented through the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

(iii) Central Sector Scheme, `Central Poultry Development Organisations`, which make available necessary inputs and services like low-input technology chicks, farmers` training and feed sample analysis etc. in their respective regions.

The funds provided, State-wise, in respect of schemes at

- (i) and
- (ii) above are given in Annexures I & II. No funds are provided to States under scheme at
- (iii) above.

(d)&(e): The following information shows that poultry production in Punjab in 2005-06 was lower than that in the previous year due to impact of the bird flu in certain parts of the country:

(numbers in crores)

Item	2004-05	2005-06
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Eggs	368.00	352.00
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(f)to(h): The Government has implemented a financial relief package to help the poultry farmers in Punjab and other parts of the country. The package provides for moratorium on repayment of existing loans and interest due, conversion of working capital into term loans, rescheduling of term loans and grant of one-time interest subvention of 4% for a period of one year. Punjab has also been allocated 7890 metric tones of maize at a subsidized rate for distribution to its poultry farmers.

Annexure I

State-wise financial assistance given under Centrally Sponsored Scheme: "Assistance to State Poultry Farms" during the last three years and current financial year so far.

S.No.	State	(Rs. in lakhs)			
		Amount sanctioned for 2003-04	Amount sanctioned for 2004-05	Amount sanctioned for 2005-06	Amount sanctioned for 2006-07 (so far)
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	50.00	-
2.	Andhra Pradesh	-	47.92	-	-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	74.50	132.50	135.60	-
4.	Bihar	-	-	160.00	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	148.00	-
6.	Goa	-	68.00	-	-
7.	Gujarat	22.38	90.37	136.00	136.00
8.	Haryana	-	-	40.00	-
9.	Himachal Pradesh	27.40	25.00	117.56	-
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	42.50	204.00	47.00	25.50
11.	Karnataka	-	55.00	-	80.00
12.	Kerala	-	-	191.68	-
13.	Lakshadweep	-	-	25.00	-
14.	Madhya Pradesh	48.93	64.00	-	124.88
15.	Maharashtra	-	150.00	-	-
16.	Manipur	-	-	42.50	-
17.	Meghalaya	-	40.00	85.00	-
18.	Mizoram	57.00	128.00	240.00	207.50
19.	Nagaland	42.50	252.50	300.00	170.00
20.	Orissa	15.00	-	-	272.00
21.	Punjab	-	-	40.00	-
22.	Sikkim	42.50	-	42.50	-
23.	Tamil Nadu	-	99.756	-	-
24.	Tripura	82.50	-	-	-
25.	Uttar Pradesh	17.09	-	342.06	136.00
26.	Uttaranchal	-	-	54.70	-
27.	West Bengal	33.20	80.00	120.00	134.40
	Total	505.50	1437.05	2317.60	1286.28

Annexure II

State-wise financial assistance given under Central Sector Scheme: "Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund" up to 31.10.2006 since inception.

S.No.	Name of the States	Number of Poultry Units	(Rs. in Lakh)	
			Amount released	by NABARD
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13	74.41	

2. Assam	10	2.18
3. Goa	2	15.60
4. Jammu & Kashmir	2	14.10
5. Jharkhand	1	7.50
6. Karnataka	3	20.82
7 Kerala	1	2.92
8. Maharashtra	3	20.86
9. Manipur	2	15.53
10. Mizoram	3	6.50
11. Punjab & Haryana	8	74.11
12. Rajasthan	1	9.98
13. Tamil Nadu	3	17.29
14. Uttaranchal	24	30.65
15. West Bengal	2	20.50
Total	78	332.95