

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MERGER OF PROGRAMMES FOR ANIMAL BREEDING
Singh Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for the merger of National Programme for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding with National Project for improvement of Poultry and Small Animals;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the merger; and
- (c) the steps taken in the matter?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): The Planning Commission had advocated to club the National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding and National Project for Improvement of Poultry and Small Animals, under one major scheme – "R&D for Livestock Breeds". The Planning Commission believes that clubbing of certain schemes would lead to convergence of objectives, thereby improving the efficacy and efficiency of Plan spending. However, Department has intimated the Planning Commission that for the time being these schemes would be implemented in the existing form.