

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GENETIC UPGRADATION OF CATTLE AND BUFFALOES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme for genetic upgradation of cattle and buffaloes in order to increase their milch productivity and their longevity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which said policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. In order to improve productivity of cattle and buffaloes in the country through genetic up-gradation, Government initiated a major programme "National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding" (NPCBB) in October, 2000 with an approved allocation of Rs.402.00 crore for Phase-I as cent percent grant-in-aid to the participating States/UTs. To consolidate the gains made in Phase-I, Phase-II of the NPCBB has also been initiated from December, 2006 for further five years with an allocation of Rs.775.87 crore. Under Phase-II, major emphasis would be on improving the availability of quality bulls for breeding, quality assurance programmes for all aspects of artificial insemination, development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds. At present 28 States and one UT are participating in the project and funds to the tune of Rs.412.79 crore, including Rs.63.91 crore to 31 suicide prone districts of four States, have been released up to 2006-07.