

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRESERVATION OF CATTLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to preserve indigenous cattle breeds like Ongole cattle in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any cash and other incentives are being given to owners of elite registered cattle like Ongole cattle;
- (d) if so, the details of assistance given to farmers in Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) the aims and objectives of Central Herd Registration Scheme; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage preservation of other Indian breeds like oxen, cows and other animals relating to dairy products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A Central Sector Central Herd Registration Scheme is operational since 1979 in three districts of Andhra Pradesh to locate superior germplasm of Ongole cattle.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The sum of Rs.177450 and Rs.195750 was distributed as incentive prize money to 441 and 428 owners of qualified registered animals in Andhra Pradesh during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07, respectively.

(e): The aims and objectives of the Central Herd Registration Scheme are to locate and register superior germplasm of selected indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds, propagate superior genetic stock, promote conservation, disseminate the information on registered animals, facilitate formation of breeders' associations and meeting the requirement of indigenous bulls for the breeding.

(f): For genetic up-gradation of bovine population, development and conservation of indigenous breeds in the country, a National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) is being implemented since October, 2000. To consolidate the gains made in Phase-I, Phase-II of NPCBB has been initiated from December, 2006 with total allocation of Rs.775.87 crore for further five years. One of the major objectives of Phase-II is to undertake bull production programme of indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds for the breeding purposes. The Central Cattle Development Organizations, which includes seven Central Cattle Breeding Farms, one Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute and four Central Herd Registration units are also operational in different regions of the country for seeking production of genetically superior breed of bull calves, good quality frozen semen and identification of location of superior germplasm of cattle and buffaloes to meet the requirement of bulls and