

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4939
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY 2019

CONSERVATION OF NATIVE CATTLE BREEDS OF SOUTH INDIA

4939. SHRIMATI S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any measures to conserve the native cattle breeds of South India (namely, Kangeyam, Bargur, Ongole, etc.) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether NDRI has plans to conduct cattle show for the breeds of South India this year (2019);
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any opinion or approval from NBAGR and ICAR for Rashtriya Gokhul Mission, if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps likely to be taken by the ministry to review the mission policies in consultation with NBAGR and ICAR;
- (d) whether the Ministry has conducted any stakeholder consultation with the cattle breeding societies on Rashtriya Gokhul Mission and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Ministry has any plans to initiate Direct Benefit Transfer schemes for the welfare of the farmers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(Dr. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States and Union Territories to conserve and develop native cattle breeds including breeds of south India (namely Kangeyam, Bargur, Ongole etc) Government has been implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission with aim of development and Conservation of Indigenous Bovine Breeds. All the breeds are covered under the programme including the breeds of south India.
- (b) As informed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) organises Dairy Mela every year which is open to all the farmers across the country. This year it is scheduled to be organised in the month of November.

(c) and (d) National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR) has been participating under the scheme and an amount of Rs 8.90 crores has been released for development of genomic chip and implementation of Genomic selection in the country. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has constituted following committees for discussion with all stakeholders in implementation of the project i) National Steering Committee and the co-chairmanship of Secretary (AHD) and Director General ICAR for in-depth monitoring of the project; ii) Project Technical and Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of Animal Husbandry Commissioner (AHC) and iii) Project Management Unit headed by Director NBAGR. Projects under the scheme are drawn by the States after consultation with cattle breeding societies and provision of assistance is also available under the scheme for establishment of cattle breeding societies.

(e) Rashtruya Gokul Mission is not a beneficiary oriented scheme. Under the scheme prize money to the awardees of Gopal Ratna and Kamdhenu award is transferred through bank transaction.
