

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2025
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2023

RASHTRIYA GOKUL MISSION

2025. **SHRI GHANSHYAM SINGH LODHI:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts being made to increase milk production and productivity of the bovines under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM);
- (b) the manner in which financial assistance is provided to those who set up Gokul Grams under RGM;
- (c) the amount of prize money under RGM and the names of the persons who have received it so far in Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether any Gokul Gram has been set up under the said Mission in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, whether any efforts are being made in this regard; and
- (e) whether there is any incentive for the protection of sick, non-milk-producing and elderly bovines under this mission?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission for development and conservation of indigenous breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovines since 2014. The major efforts being made under RGM are as follows:

- (i) Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme for extension of Artificial Insemination coverage.
- (ii) Progeny testing and pedigree selection for production of high genetic merit bulls of indigenous breeds.
- (iii) Establishment of Breed Multiplication Farms preferably of indigenous breeds.
- (iv) Promotion of In-vitro Fertilization (IVF) technology for faster genetic upgradation of indigenous breeds.
- (v) Implementation of genomic selection using genomic chip.
- (vi) Sex sorted semen production for indigenous breeds.
- (vii) Funds have been released to the States for establishment of 16 Gokul and 2 National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres.

(b) and (d) Under Rashtriya Gokul Mission funds have been released on 100% Grant in aid for setting up of Gokul Grams as Integrated Indigenous Cattle Development Centres. Proposal for setting up of Gokul Gram in Rampur District of Uttar Pradesh have not been received from State Government., However, funds have been released to Uttar Pradesh for establishment of three Gokul Grams. The Component of establishment of Gokul Gram has

been discontinued under the revised realigned guidelines of Rashtriya Gokul Mission from 2021-22 to 2025-26. However, Government of India is undertaking establishment of breed multiplication farms preferably of indigenous breeds and under the component 50% capital subsidy is available for entrepreneurs (Individual / Self Help Groups/Farmer Cooperative organizations / Farmer Producer organizations /Joint Liability Groups and section 8 companies).

(c) Under RGM, Awards are conferred in three categories, namely (i) Best Dairy Farmer Rearing Indigenous Cattle/buffalo Breeds; (ii) Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) and (iii) best Dairy Cooperative. Award consists of a Certificate of merit, a memento and following cash amount in each category: Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh) for 1st rank holder; Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh) to 2nd rank holder and Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh) to 3rd rank holder. Among the awardees in the three categories none have received award from Uttar Pradesh state.

(e) Under Rashtriya Gokul Mission there is no provision of incentive for the protection of sick, non-milk-producing and elderly bovines. However, the Animal Welfare Board of India provides financial assistance to Animal Welfare Organizations under various schemes namely Regular Grant, Rescue Cattle Grant, Provision of Shelter House for looking after the Animals, Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme, Provision of Ambulance for the animals in distress and Natural Calamity grant. Further, Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) is implemented for providing assistance for control of animal diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease, Brucellosis and also to provide assistance to State Governments for Control of other infectious diseases of livestock including dairy animals.
