

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30THJULY, 2024

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR MILK

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Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has considered introducing a Minimum Support Price for the milk in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the low penetration of insurance amongst the livestock population in the country, if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve this;
- (c) the ratio of veterinary clinics to the total livestock population in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve this ratio and make access to medical care for livestock better?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRIRAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India does not regulate the procurement and sale prices of milk in the country. Prices are decided by the cooperative and private dairies based on their cost of production and market forces. Milk pricing being free from Government control, this department does not have any proposal to fix Minimum Support Price (MSP) for milk in the country.
- (b) DAHD took following steps to popularize and increase the acceptance of insurance scheme among the farmers across the country:
 - i. Beneficiary contribution has been reduced to 15% from 20 to 40% irrespective of category like APL, SC, ST, BPL and type of area. Rest

amount will be contributed as Central and State share as 60:40 or 90:10 (For Himalayan/NER states) of the premium amount.

- ii. Enhancing insurance coverage to 10 cattle units (from existing 5 cattle units) per household for all animals except for pig and rabbit which will be 5 cattle unit per household. One cattle unit is equal to one large animal and 10 small animals.
 - iii. Inclusion of RFID tagging also in insured animals for better identification and developing single Web APP Workflow Portal for Livestock Insurance portal for the country to enhance transparency and improved claim settlement ratio through better monitoring on real time basis.
- (c) As per Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BAHS) 2023 and 20th Livestock Census 2019, a total of about 536.71 million of livestock population in the country are being catered by 69202 Veterinary Institutions (includes Veterinary Hospitals/Polyclinics, Veterinary Dispensaries, Veterinary Aid Centres). Based on the above data, the ratio of veterinary clinics to the total livestock population in the country works out to be 1:7756
- (d) Animal Husbandry is a State subject, therefore establishment and improvement of veterinary hospitals, dispensaries and recruitment of necessary staff in the veterinary institutions for providing veterinary services is under the purview of the State Government. However, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the component of Establishment & Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals & Dispensaries-Mobile Veterinary Units (ESVHD-MVU) provides financial assistance to States/UTs for delivery of veterinary healthcare services at farmers' doorsteps to strengthen veterinary health services @ 1 MVU/1 Lakh livestock population. MVUs provide diagnosis, treatment, vaccination, minor surgical interventions, audio-visual aids and extension services to farmers / animal owners at their doorstep in far flung area. The Central Government has provided 100% financial assistance to the States/ UTs towards procurement and customization of MVUs under Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospital & Dispensaries-Mobile Veterinary Units (ESVHD-MVUs) to further strengthen veterinary health services.
