GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING **LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1216** TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY 2024

DAIRY ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

1216: SHRI NAVASKANI K: SHRI C N ANNADURAI: SHRI SELVAM G:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of implementation of the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) along with its aims and objectives;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the difficulties in the implementation of the scheme;
- (c) whether the scheme is effective in increasing milk production and alleviating poverty in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries of the scheme since its inception in the state of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the amount sanctioned/utilized by the Government for DEDS during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to generate self-employment and provide infrastructure for the dairy sector; and
- (f) whether the Government is considering to allocate more funds for the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) was implemented by Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) from September 2010 to March 2020.

A total amount of Rs.1892.29 crore was disbursed as back ended subsidy to 4,21,158 nos. of beneficiaries in the country under the scheme. DEDS has been discontinued from 01.04.2020.

(c) In addition to various programmes/schemes/initiatives of State, Union Territories and DAHD, Government of India, DEDS had also contributed in increasing Milk Production in Tamil Nadu from 6.787 MMT in 2009-10 to 8.795 MMT in 2019-20. Since inception of DEDS, in Tamil Nadu, 66961 numbers of beneficiaries with financial assistance of Rs.129.03 crore has been provided.

(d) Since DEDS was discontinued from 01.04.2020, no funds were sanctioned by Government of India during the last three years and the current year.

(e) Supplementing the efforts of States and Union Territories, DAHD, Government of India is implementing following schemes to generate self-employment and provide infrastructure for dairy sector:-

- i. Rashtriya Gokul Mission: Aims for development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancing milk production and productivity of bovines.
- ii. National Programme for Dairy Development: To enhance quality of milk and milk products and increase share of organized milk procurement.
- iii. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund: For creation/ modernization of milk processing and value addition infrastructure, among others.
- iv. Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities: To provide support in the form of Interest subvention on working capital loans.

In addition, Government has also extended Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility to Animal Husbandry & dairy farmers for their working capital requirements.

(f) Does not arise in view of (d) above.
