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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2466**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024

SUPPORT TO WOMEN FOR DAIRY

2466. MS KANGNA RANAUT:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken measures to support the women who are running Dairy specially in rural area of Himachal Pradesh to get world class latest highbred Cows; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission with focus on development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovines thereby making milk production more remunerative to the farmers including women farmers.

(I) The following measures are being taken under Rashtriya Gokul Mission for breed development to support the dairy farmers in the country including Himachal Pradesh.

- (i) Accelerated Breed Improvement programme using Sex sorted semen technology: under the component, Sex sorted semen production for indigenous breeds of cattle along with other bovine breeds has been initiated in the country. Sex sorted semen is important for production of female calves, (with 90% accuracy) subsidy of Rs. 750 or upto 50% of the cost of sex sorted semen on assured pregnancy is made available to farmers. An amount of Rs 760 lakhs have been released under the component to Himachal Pradesh in 2021-22.
- (ii) Accelerated Breed Improvement programme using IVF: Under the component, IVF technology and artificial insemination with sex sorted semen is being leveraged to produce female calves for the dairy farmers. IVF is important tool for genetic upgradation of bovine population at rapid rate, work which is done in 7 generations (21 years in case of cattle and buffaloes) can be done in 1 generation (3 years in case of cattle and buffalo) through IVF. Incentive at the rate of Rs 5000 per assured pregnancy is made available to farmers including women dairy farmers.

- (iii) Implementation of Nationwide Artificial Insemination (AI) Programme to extend AI coverage among bovines using semen of High Genetic Merit Bulls of indigenous breeds of cattle including other bovine breeds. Under the programme Artificial Insemination services are made available free of cost at farmers doorstep. As on date, 16.35 lakh animals have been covered, 20.88 lakh artificial inseminations performed, and 13.30 lakh farmers benefitted under NAIP in Himachal Pradesh.
  - (iv) Implementation of progeny testing for production of high genetic merit bulls of Jersey Breeds in Himachal Pradesh. High Genetic Merit Bulls produced under the programme are made available to semen stations for production of quality frozen semen doses.
  - (v) Induction of Multi-purpose Artificial Insemination Technicians in Rural India (MAITRI) to make available trained manpower for conducting artificial insemination services at the farmers doorstep in rural areas covering all States and Union Territories. So far 43 MAITRIs have been inducted in the State for delivery AI services at farmers doorstep.
- (II) Support in the form of subsidy and interest subvention made available to farmers including women dairy farmers under following schemes:
- (i) Government of India has extended Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility to Animal Husbandry farmers including dairy farmers for their working capital requirements wherein farmers either individual or joint borrower, Joint Liability Groups or Self Help Groups including tenant farmers having owned/rented/leased sheds are eligible for getting benefits under the scheme.
  - (ii) Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) – under the scheme 3% interest subvention is made available to the beneficiaries availing credit under AHIDF. In Himachal Pradesh state, a total of 4 projects with project cost of Rs. 45.08 crores have been sanctioned under the scheme in last 3 years and current year.

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