GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1499 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2025

INTEGRATED INDIGENOUS CATTLE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (GOKUL GRAM) UNDER RGM

1499 SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

be pleased to state:

a) whether Government has established Gokul Gram at Lingadahalli, Chikkamagaluru district of Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;

(b) to what extent the above Gokul Gram helped dairy farmers in increasing their income and also helps in supplying more milk to the people in and around the district; and

(c) the details of bovine breeds developed in scientific and holistic manner?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Funds have been released to the State of Karnataka for establishment of Gokul Gram at Lingadahalli, Chikkamagalur district for scientific and holistic development of Amritmahal breed of cattle. The Gokul Gram established under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission is playing important role in promoting indigenous cattle rearing and conservation in a scientific manner and propagating high genetic merit animals of indigenous breeds thereby increasing productivity of indigenous breeds in and around the district. Besides this, due to several other initiatives undertaken by Government of India under Rashtriya Gokul Mission, milk production in the State of Karnataka has increased by 120.65% from 6.1 Million Tonnes in 2014-15 to 13.46 million in 2023-24 during the last 10 years. Similarly, productivity of indigenous and non-descript cattle population of Karnataka has increased from 2.35kg per animal per day to 3.38 kg per animal per day (as per Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2024). Population of Amritmahal breed of cattle of Karnataka has increased from 2.3 lakh in 2012 (as per Breed Survey Repot 2013) to 3.01 lakh in 2019 (as per Breed wise Report of Livestock and Poultry).

(c) All registered and recognized 53 breeds cattle and 20 breeds of buffalo (as per ICAR National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources) are covered under Rashtriya Gokul Mission for development and conservation in scientific and holistic manner including all the indigenous breeds of Karnataka.