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

ADMITTED QUESTION NO. 4437
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2023

ASSISTANCE TO STRAY CATTLE UNDER SDRF

4437.SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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be pleased to state?

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make provisions under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) criteria to provide assistance to landless farmers in respect of their cattle;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such provisions are likely to be cleared and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that at present there is no provision to provide any assistance in respect of stray cattle under the SDRF criteria and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance in respect of stray cattle in rural areas under SDRF criteria as adequate resources are not available with the rural local bodies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such assistance is likely to be provided and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): No Sir. Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India does not propose to make provisions under SDRF criteria to provide assistance to landless farmers in respect to their cattle including assistance to rural local bodies in respect of stray cattle as it is not under the purview of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying. However, as gathered from Ministry of Home Affairs, the primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments concerned. The concerned State Government undertakes relief measures in the wake of natural disasters from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal in accordance with Government of India's approved items and norms. Additional financial assistance in the form of relief (and not compensation) is provided from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) as per the established procedure. Further, as communicated by MHA, assistance for the loss of milch animals, draught animals or animals used for haulage due to natural disaster is provided from NDRF as one of the components of the entire scheme. The Assistance is provided as per the recommendation of Inter-Ministerial Central Team's (IMCT) report, recommendation of the Sub-Committee of the National Executive Committee (SC-NEC) and subsequently approval of High Level Committee (HLC).
