

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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1814

TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST 2024

RASHTRIYA GOKUL MISSION

1814 SHRI MAHENDRA BHATT:

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- a) the role of Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) in enhancing milk production and productivity of indigenous bovine breeds;
- b) whether the mission is working towards the promotion of Badri cow in Uttarakhand; and
- c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing Rashtriya Gokul Mission with focus on development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds including Badri breed of Cattle, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovines thereby making milk production more remunerative to the farmers. The scheme is continued under revised and realigned schemes of the Department from 2021- 22 to 2025-26 with an allocation of Rs.2400 crore.

In order to complement and supplement the efforts of the Uttarakhand State in promotion of Badri Cattle, a project on, 'Development and Conservation of Badri Cattle' was approved by the Department in 2022-23 under Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) with 100 percent Central Assistance and a total of Rs. 365.28 Lakh have been released. The program is aimed at initiating a Field Performance Recording Program for identification of elite milk producing Badri Cows in the districts of Pauri, Chamoli, Bageshwar, Uttarkashi and Almora.

As on date, 6 High Genetic Merit Bulls produced from high yielding Badri bull mothers has been inducted in Deep Frozen Semen Production Center, Shayampur, Rishikesh for Conventional and Sex-sorted Frozen Semen production. A total of 20595 Conventional and 3618 Sex-sorted Frozen Semen doses has been produced.

Under National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM) of Rashtriya Gokul Mission, a pilot project on end to end Badri Ghee Traceability is implemented in Uttarakhand with a total cost of Rs. 42.64 Lakh in the districts of Champawat and Chamoli with the active participation of district milk unions to provide better remuneration to the dairy farmers for the value added produce.
