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TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2023

MEASURES TO PROMOTE GOAT REARING

2330. SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any officer or expert is appointed at the district level in predominantly goat rearing areas to deal with the challenges being faced there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the schemes implemented to train the farmers engaged in goat rearing to protect goats from diseases and keeping them healthy;
- (d) whether Government has taken efforts to promote technology and research in the field of goat rearing; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) & (b) The Central Government has not appointed any expert or officer at the district level. However, the State Animal Husbandry Department is taking care of the issues related to goat rearing. Further, the ICAR-Central Goat Research Institute (ICAR-CIRG), Makdoom is looking after the Research and training of the goat farmers wherein the challenges faced by the Goat farmers are addressed. Institute imparts training to the goat farmers through All India Coordinated Research Project on Goat Improvement [AICRP (G)] scheme operating at 21 Centres in 15 States (Andaman and Nicobar, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab).

(c) As per the information received from the Indian Council of Agriculture Research the following programme is implemented to train the farmers engaged in goat rearing to protect goats from diseases and keeping them healthy:

- ICAR – CIRG has established a Training & Skill Development (TSD) Cell predominantly for goat rearing areas to deal with the challenges being faced. The TSD Cell organized trainings for goat farmers at district/ State level.
- The Institute is also running Farmer's Single window for queries of farmers related to goat rearing.
- CIRG is organizing capacity building programmes on “**Scientific Goat farming**” (5-7 Days) to train the farmers (about 700-800 per year) and also organize sponsored trainings from ATMA, NABARD & Other NGOs.

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- Multiplier flock Scheme for breed conservation and improvement under field conditions in seven states (Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, M.P, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand).
- Trainings and inputs are being provided to Scheduled Caste small goat farmersUnder Development Action Plan for Scheduled Caste (DAPSC) Scheme.
- Under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribe (DAPST) and North Eastern and Himalayan (NEH)Schemes; small goat farmers in different parts of the country are benefitted/ trained.
- Through All India Radio, DD Kissan; the goat production technologies are also being disseminated to the farmers.

(d) and (e) The Central Government is promoting Frozen Semen and Artificial Insemination technology in goat and sheep breeding through National Livestock Mission. Further, the ICAR has taken the following steps to promote the technologyand productivity in the country:

- 1) AICRP (Goat improvement) is running at 21 Centres in 15 States for dissemination of goat production technologies to farmers at their doorstep.
- 2) In adopted villages of Mathura district of UP transfer of technology programme (TOT) is being executed.
- 3) Elite males of different goat breeds are being distributed to the goat farmers for breed improvement in the country.
- 4) Area Specific mineral mixture for U.P Goats.

The ICAR has also developed following goat based technologies at ICAR-CIRG for enhancing goat production and productivity in the country:

- a) Goat Cervix Visualization Glass Speculum.
- b) Goat Semen Diluent (TCFEYG) and Cryopreservation Protocol for conservation and propagation of goats.
- c) Immunomodulatory Bolus (IMU-4) for enhancing immunity.
- d) Helmokil-Herbal anthelmintic bolus (Wormolex-HS) for control of gastrointestinal parasitic infestation in animals.
- e) Ectofree-Herbal Acaricidal (Meggatex) for control of ticks and lice in animals.
- f) Herbal anticoccidial complete pellet feed formulation for goats.
- g) Economic complete pellet feed formulation with Azolla for ruminant feeding.
- h) Preventive goat health calendar.
- i) Reproductive calendar for Goats.
