

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Ninth Plan Allocation
9.	Professional Efficiency Development	21.00
10.	National Project on Rinderpest Eradication	48.00
11.	Establishment/Improvement of slaughter Houses/CUC	55.00
12.	Integrated Sample Survery for estimation of production of major livestock products.	20.00
13.	Animal Husbandry Extension Programme	20.00
14.	Integrated Dairy Development Project in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas	250.00

National Rinderpaste Eradication Programme

2323. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the National Rinderpaste Eradication Programme (NREP) and also providing assistance to the States for control of animal disease to promote animal husbandry in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the implementation of NREP in Maharashtra so far;

(d) if so, the finding thereof;

(e) details of assistance provided to Maharashtra during the last three years for control of animal diseases year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Scheme on "Strengthening of Veterinary Services for Livestock Disease Control in India with special emphasis on Rinderpest Eradiction (NPRE)" is being implemented since 1992 in all States/UTs. on 100% central assistance. Apart from this, there is another scheme Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases with the following components:- (i) Systematic Control of Livestock Diseases of National Importance (ii) Animal Disease Surveillance and (iii) Foot & Mouth Disease Control (FMD) which is being implemented in all States/UTs. on 50:50 funding pattern.

(c) Yes, Sir.

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(d) The NPRE Scheme is assessed/monitored regularly by way of organising meetings, visits of the officers and obtaining Monthly progress reports. The last assessment of the Scheme for Maharashtra was assessed in the Regional Meeting of Zone "B" States held at Goa on 14th & 15th February, 2000. It was observed that the State Maharashtra is implementing the Scheme as per the approved Work Plan.

(e) Details of assistance provided to Maharashtra during the last three years for control of animal diseases year-wise:

(Rs. in lakhs)			
S.No. Name of the Scheme	Amount released		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1. Strengthening of Veterinary services for Livestock Disease Control with special emphasis on Rinderpest Eradication	21.21	8.00	26.66
2. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases:			
(i) Systematic Control of Livestock Diseases of National Importance	29.80	—	26.14
(ii) Foot and Mouth Diseases control	15.40	—	35.26
(iii) Animal Diseases Surveillance	4.55	—	40.32

Share of Agriculture in GDP

2324. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Economic Times dated 5th January, 2000 under the caption "Share of agriculture in GDP continuing to fall";

(b) if so, what is his reaction thereto;

(c) whether any reasons for this downward trend in agriculture have been identified and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to reverse this trend?