

## RAJYA SABHA

*Friday, the 20th November, 2009/29 Kartika, 1931 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### MEMBER SWORN

Shri H.K. Dua (Nominated)

### ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTION

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 21. ...*(Interruptions)*...

#### High yielding milch animals in backward regions

\*21. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR††

SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chairperson of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has stated that it is futile to provide high-yielding milch animals in the backward districts where infrastructure is lacking and which have no marketing scope;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware that a tribal district Valsad has made phenomenal progress in milk production inspite of opinion of National Dairy Development Programme (NDDP) in 1975-76 that dairy activities there were impossible due to its location, illiterate tribal people and shortage of water, etc, and

(c) whether NDDP would penetrate deep in Vidarbha to diversify farm-related activities in this tribal region ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

(a) In the course of a meeting held on 13-06-2007 on the proposed National Dairy Plan, Chairperson, NDDB, expressed certain reservations about induction of high yielding milch animals in the backward areas where infrastructure is lacking and marketing scope is limited. However, after consultations with other stakeholders, it was decided that the proposed National Dairy Plan will cover all districts in the country.

(b) Government is aware that Valsad District has made significant progress in the dairy sector.

(c) All districts of the Vidarbha region will be covered under the proposed National Dairy Plan.

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†† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Syeda Anwara Taimur