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effect from June 22, 2006 (except kabuli channa). These measures are envisaged to increase the per capita availability of pulses.

Cattle conservation in Rajasthan

1964. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 80 per cent people in Rajasthan depend on agriculture and animal husbandry for their livelihood and with the summer season approaching, if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government alongwith the State Government with regard to cattle conservation;

(b) whether any contingency plan is being formulated in this regard; and

(c) if so, what aspects are being looked at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir. For the conservation of cattle in the country, Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes. The schemes being implemented in Rajasthan for cattle conservation are given at Statement-I and Statement-II.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Statement-I

Details of the schemes being implemented in Rajasthan for cattle conservation

Sl.No.	Name of the scheme	Purpose of the scheme
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A Centrally Sponsored Schemes		
1.	National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding	The project envisages genetic up-gradation of bovine population on priority basis with a focus on development and conservation of indigenous breeds.
2.	Assistance to States for Fodder Development	Scheme provides Central assistance to the States to supplement their

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		efforts in feed and fodder development sector.
3.	Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases	Assistance is provided for control of economically important diseases by way of immunization, strengthening of veterinary biological production units, existing disease diagnostic laboratories and in-service training of veterinarians and para-veterinarians.
4.	National Project on Rinderpest Eradication	The physical surveillance through village, route and institutional searches stock to detect any hidden cases of Rinderpest.
5.	Livestock Insurance	To protect the farmers against the losses of genetically improved animals.
B	Centrally Sponsored Schemes	
1.	Central Cattle Breeding farm, Suratgarh, Rajasthan	To produce high pedigree bull calves of indigenous Tharparkar breed of cattle for use in cattle development programmes.
2.	Central Herd Registration Scheme, Ajmer, Rajasthan	Identification of superior germplasm of Gir, Haryana, Tharparkar and Rathi breeds of cattle and Murrah buffaloes, propagation of superior genetic stock, regulating sale and purchase, facilitating formation of Breeders'

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		Associations and meeting the requirement of indigenous bulls in the State and different parts of the country.
3.	Regional Station for Forage Production and Demonstration, Suratgarh, Rajasthan	Production and propagation of certified seeds of high yielding varieties of fodder crops and pasture grasses/legumes.

Statement-II

Funds released to the State of Rajasthan during last three years under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for cattle conservation

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the scheme	Year			Total
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	
1.	National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding	—	—	490.00	490.00
2.	Assistance to States for Fodder Development	40	26.32	37.02	103.34
3.	Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases	87.57	204.42	267.04	559.03
4.	National Project on Rinderpest Eradication	25.00	20.00	30.00	75.00
5.	Livestock Insurance	—	—	150.00	150.00
TOTAL:		152.57	250.74	974.06	1377.37