

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) and (b) *Brassica Juncea* is an often cross-pollinated crop in which 15-30% cross-pollination occurs within the same species. However, chances of cross-pollination of *Brassica juncea* with other *Brassica* species such as *Brassica rapa* var. Toria, Brown Sarson and Yellow Sarson and *Brassica nigra* is negligible. So, there is no risks of contamination of other *Brassica* species. The genetic purity of non-transgenic native varieties/germplasm is maintained through proper isolation in case of seed production and selfing in case of germplasm. Similar practice will be followed to prevent out-crossing of transgenic mustard with other non-transgenic varieties/germplasm and land-races to avoid contamination from GM mustard.

**Fodder for animals**

1946. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fodder, which was previously available abundantly, is costlier than grains like rice and wheat today;

(b) whether due to utilization of land, encroachment on Government and public land and reservation of forest, there is fodder scarcity;

(c) whether it is a costly affair for communities like Gawali, Shepherds and farmers to rear domestic animals;

(d) whether there is any scheme of Government to provide free fodder for animals; and

(e) if not, whether Government would like to introduce such a scheme in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) to (c) It is not true.

(d) and (e) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Government of India has already taken necessary steps to increase fodder production in various parts of the country by providing financial assistance to the farmers/Co-operatives through the States/UTs under Centrally Sponsored National Livestock Mission with a Sub Mission on Feed and Fodder Development under the following components.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Components
1.	Fodder Production from Non-forest wasteland/rangeland/grassland/non-arable land
2.	Fodder Production from Forest land
3.	Fodder Seed Procurement/Production and Distribution
4.	Introduction of Hand Driven Chaff-Cutter
5.	Introduction of Power Driven Chaff-Cutter
6.	Distribution of low capacity, tractor mountable Fodder Block Making Units, hay baling machines/reapers/forage harvesters
7.	Establishment of Silage making Units
8.	Establishment of by-pass Protein Production Units
9.	Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture/Feed Pelleting/Feed Manufacturing Unit
10.	Establishment/modernization of Feed Testing Laboratories

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**Assistance for dairy farming**

†1947. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring in any incentive scheme to make dairy farming a meaningful and lucrative occupation;

(b) whether Government is considering to provide special assistance, especially to backward and disaster affected States like Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Odisha etc.; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing following Dairy Development Schemes across the country, to boost up dairy farming:

1. National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBB&DD)

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.