

**Setting up of KVKs in Chhattisgarh**

†19. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to establish 8 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) in various districts of Chhattisgarh, including Surajpur district, through Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has approved to set up Krishi Vigyan Kendra only in one district and the approval for the remaining kendras is awaited; and

(c) if so, whether Government has fixed any time-frame for according approval to the remaining Krishi Vigyan Kendras, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved for establishment of KVKs in 8 districts of Chhattisgarh including Balod, Sukma, Kondagaon, Raipur, Mungeli, Surajpur, Bemetara and Durg (additional KVK) districts. Out of eight districts, KVKs have been set-up in five districts including Surajpur, Mungeli, Bemetara, Durg and Raipur. The KVKs in three remaining districts shall be established during 2017-18 to 2019-20 subject to availability of land and adequate budget provisions.

**Rearing of indigenous breed of cows**

†20. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is encouraging the farmers for rearing indigenous breed of cows; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the lakhs of farmers in the country are willing to rear indigenous haunch bearing breed of cow but the calves of indigenous breed like Gir, Sahiwan, Haryana-Sindhi, Tharparkar, etc. are not available in sufficient number in proportion to demand, if so, the action plan of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States to increase availability of germplasm of indigenous breeds like Gir, Sahiwal, Haryana, Red Sindhi, Tharparkar

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etc. the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing following schemes:

- (i) **Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM):** RGM has been initiated for development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds. Under the scheme all 41 breeds of cattle and 13 breeds of buffaloes are covered.
- (ii) **National Dairy Plan-I:** Under the scheme development and conservation of 6 breeds of cattle (Sahiwal, Gir, Rathi, Tharparkar, Hariana and Kankrej) and 6 breeds of buffaloes (Murrah, Nili Ravi, Mehsana, Jaffarabadi, Pandharpuri and Banni) is covered.
- (iii) **Breed Improvement Institutes:**
  - (a) **Central Cattle Breeding Farms:** 7 cattle breeding farms established in different parts of the country. Male calves of high genetic merit of indigenous breeds (Red Singhi and Tharparkar cattle breeds and Murrah and Surti buffalo breed) along with other breeds produced at these farms are being made available to the States for genetic upgradation of bovine population.
  - (b) **Central Herd Registration Scheme:** 4 Central Herd Registration units established for identification and location of elite animals of indigenous breeds (Gir, Hariana, Kankrej and Ongole cattle breeds and Murrah, Mehsani and Jaffarabadi buffalo breeds) for use in genetic upgradation programmes for bovines being implemented by the States.
  - (c) **Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute:** Semen of indigenous breeds Red Sindhi, Tharparkar and Murrah is produced at this Station and made available to the States.

**Nutritious milk of indigenous haunch bearing breed of cows**

†21. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scientific research has proved that the milk of indigenous haunch bearing breed of cow is more nutritious and bears more resistant power to fight against the incurable diseases; and

(b) if so, the plans being formulated by Government to develop the indigenous breed of cow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) As informed by Indian

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