

Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) no such work has been carried out under ICAR Institutes.

(b) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by States for development and conservation of indigenous breeds the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has been implementing following schemes:

(i) Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)

- National Programme for Bovine Breeding
- Indigenous Breeds
- National Mission on Bovine Productivity

(ii) National Dairy Plan-I

(iii) Breed Improvement Institutes

- Central Cattle Breeding Farms
- Central Herd Registration Scheme
- Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute

Shortage of milk

22. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is likely to face shortage of milk in the coming years;
- (b) if so, whether any action plan has been formulated by Government to meet the shortage of milk and ensure its sufficient availability in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) This Department has no report to suggest that country is likely to face shortage of milk in the coming years.

(b) and (c) Does not arise

Implementation of PMFBY

23. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries registered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and the average premium paid by these beneficiaries;

(b) the number and value of claims received and processed each month since the scheme's introduction and the average value of processed settlements;

(c) the number of claims currently pending or dismissed;

(d) whether Government has taken measures to oversee the processing of these claims; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) to (e) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has been under implementation in the country since Kharif 2016 season. As per provisions of the scheme, farmer has to pay maximum premium of 2% during Kharif season and 1.5% during Rabi season for food and oilseed crops and maximum 5% for annual commercial/horticultural crops and remaining part of the actuarial/bidded premium is shared equally by the Central and State Government.

During 2016-17 (both Kharif 2016 and Rabi 2016-17), ₹ 4403.74 crore was collected as premium from 5.71 crore farmer applicants with an average of ₹ 771.23 per farmer applicant.

As per scheme provisions claims are worked out on the basis of yield data furnished by the concerned States/Union Territories and settled by the concerned insurance companies on receipt of Central and State Government share in premium subsidy. During 2016-17, claims of about ₹ 15549 were estimated, of which ₹ 13292 crore have already been approved. Out of which ₹ 12020 crore have been paid to about 1.16 crore farmer applicants. Claims in few notified insurance unit areas/crops are pending due to reasons such as incomplete bank details of insured individual farmers for transfer of claim amount, clarifications sought on yield data/area sown by concerned insurance companies, pendency of reinsurer's decision on settling the claims of extended period during Rabi 2016-17 etc. Government is regularly monitoring the progress in the matter with concerned States and insurance companies for early settlement of the remaining claims.

Supply of quality seeds to farmers

24. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government mechanisms existing for the supply of quality seeds to farmers;

(b) the number of high yielding variety rice and wheat seeds distributed through High Yielding Variety Programme (HYVP);