

Sir. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the country. The CSS *inter-alia* provides financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories to support the fish farmers, fishers and entrepreneurs for construction of ponds, renovation of existing ponds/tanks, installation of cages/pens for fish culture in reservoirs and open water bodies, development waterlogged and wetland, riverine fisheries conservation and awareness programme, fishing craft and gear, integrated development of reservoirs, establishment of hatcheries, construction of seed rearing area, establishment of Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS), establishment fish feed mill, development of post harvest infrastructure such as ice plants, cold storages, ice plants-cum-cold storages, setting up of mobile retail fish outlets, kiosks, refrigerated and insulated trucks, auto rickshaw with ice box, motorcycle with ice box, bicycle with ice box etc. Under this Scheme, an amount of ₹36.86 crore has been provided to the Government of Telangana during last four years under the CSS for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the State.

Besides, the Government of India during 2018-19 has extended the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers to help them to meet their working capital needs. Under KCC facility, interest subvention is also available for fisheries farmers at 2% per annum at the time of disbursal of loan and an additional interest subvention of 3 % per annum in case of prompt repayment as Prompt Repayment Incentive. The Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Fund (FIDF) created and implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Government of India provides concessional finance to the Eligible Entities (EEs) for development of identified fisheries infrastructure facilities. Under the FIDF, concessional finance is provided by the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) namely (i) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), (ii) National Cooperatives Development Corporation (NCDC) and (iii) All scheduled Banks. Under the FIDF, the Government of India provides interest subvention up to 3% per annum for providing the concessional finance by the NLEs at the interest rate not lower than 5% per annum.

Livestock Census- 2019

2966. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently released the Livestock Census 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that indigenous cattle numbers continue to decline in spite of Government's efforts to promote conservation of indigenous breeds through the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM);

(d) if so, the details thereof including the Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether the poultry population rose nearly 17 per cent to 851.81 million and the total birds in the backyard poultry jumped 46 per cent to 317.07 million in 2019;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has recently released the 20th Livestock Census 2019 Key Results (provisional). The species-wise livestock population is given in the following table:

Category	Population (In million) 2019
Cattle	192.52
Buffalo	109.85
Mithun	0.38
Yak	0.06
Sheep	74.26
Goat	148.88
Horses and Ponies	0.34
Mule	0.08
Donkey	0.12
Camel	0.25
Pig	9.06
TOTAL LIVESTOCK	535.80

(c) and (d) As per the provisional data of 20th Livestock Census 2019, the total indigenous cattle population has declined to 142.11 million in 2019 from 151.17 million in 2012. However, Indigenous and Non-descript female cattle population has increased to 98.17 million in 2019 from 89.22 million in 2012 and indigenous and non-descript male population has declined to 43.94 million in 2019 from 61.95 million in 2012. This is due to increased mechanization in agriculture and promotion of sex sorted semen of indigenous breeds. Increase in population of females of indigenous and non-descript breeds is a positive sign of Rashtriya Gokul Mission.

(e) to (g) The total poultry population has increased to 851.81 million in 2019 from 729.21 million in 2012. The backyard poultry has increased to 317.07 million in 2019 from 217.49 million in 2012. The steps initiated by the Government towards development of poultry sector including backyard poultry are as follows:

- (i) **Productivity Enhancement - Rural Backyard Poultry Development:** The 'Rural Backyard Poultry Development' component is envisaged to cover beneficiaries from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families to enable them to gain supplementary income and nutritional support. The Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Non Governmental Organization (NGOs), entrepreneurs may take up mother unit activity which will procure the day old chicks either from the State Poultry Farms or from the private hatchery and will rear the birds up to 4 weeks of age. This scheme component aims at supporting BPL beneficiary families.
- (ii) **Productivity Enhancement - Innovative Poultry Productivity Project:-** To encourage poultry entrepreneurship in rural areas especially amongst educated and unemployed youth the model is introduced under Innovative Project of 'Productivity Enhancement' component of Sub-Mission on Livestock Development under National Livestock Mission (NLM) through Broiler Rearing and Low-input technology (LIT) bird rearing.

Plan to achieve targets of Blue Revolution programme

2967. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks second in fish production in the world and if so, the quantity of fish exports and the amount of foreign exchange earned from these exports during the last five years and the current year;