

The Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Fund (FIDF) created and implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying provides interest subvention up to 3% per annum for providing the concessional finance by the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) at the interest rate not lower than 5% per annum. Under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility, interest subvention is available for fishers and fish farmers at 2% per annum at the time of disbursement of loan and an additional interest subvention of 3% per annum in case of prompt repayment as Prompt Repayment Incentive.

Provision of appropriate treatment for animals

†2968. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are strong possibilities of giving wrong treatment to animals due to lack of facilities for blood, faecal and urine tests for animals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any action plan to establish laboratories for blood, faecal and urine tests in each of the development blocks to provide appropriate treatment to animals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Diagnostic tests for blood, faeces and urine etc. does aid in disease diagnosis and in following appropriate line of treatment. However, no such reports of giving wrong treatment to animals due to lack of facilities for diagnostic tests have been received in the Department.

(c) and (d) No Sir. As animal husbandry is a State subject, establishment of laboratories for animal disease diagnostic tests is under the purview of the respective State Governments. This Department provides financial assistance to the States for strengthening their disease diagnostic laboratories.

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