

in perpetuity with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for providing soft loan for working capital to enable State Dairy Cooperative Federations to provide a stable market access to farmers. Till date ₹103 Crore corpus has been created.

6. Rashtriya Gokul Mission

"Rashtriya Gokul Mission" has been launched in December, 2014 with an outlay of ₹ 2025 crore for development and conservation of indigenous breeds through selective breeding especially for genetic upgradation of 11.3 crore low milk yield non-descript bovine population.

7. Central Herd Registration Scheme

Under the scheme milk production records of important indigenous cattle and buffaloes breeds are collected on a monthly basis and top quality pure bred animals are brought on books through the process of certification of meritorious animals, the process which helps breeders use such animals for production of future bulls and bull mothers and help farmers in selling and buying of animals.

8. National Animal Disease Control Programme

The Cabinet on 31.05.2019 approved an ambitious scheme "National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) for control of Foot and Mouth Disease and Brucellosis" by vaccinating 100% cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat and pig population for FMD and 100% bovine female calves of 4-8 months of age for brucellosis at a total outlay of ₹ 13,343 crore. The programme so far has been implemented on cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments

(c) and (d) As per the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, no such proposal is under consideration. The Item No. (iv) of Schedule VII already includes Animal Welfare as an eligible CSR activities. It is further informed that Ministry of Corporate Affairs *vide* General Circular no. 21/2014 dated 18.06.2014 clarified that CSR activities enumerated in Schedule VII of the Act must be interpreted liberally so as to capture the essence of the subject enumerated in the said Schedule.

Steps to improve poultry farming

1373. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any guidelines to improve the living conditions of poultry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve poultry farming process in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has formulated the "excerpts for poultry farm" which can act as a reference document for Central and State Government farms which can equally be followed by the poultry farmers in the country. Further, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has formulated the Biosecurity guidelines to be maintained at farms by Poultry Farmers. The poultry birds kept as per the guidelines will improve the living conditions of the poultry. The both aforesaid documents are available in the Department's website *dahd.nic.in*

(c) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, has been implementing different programmes under National Livestock Mission schemes under National Livestock Mission viz. Rural Backyard Poultry Development (RBPD) and Innovative Poultry Productivity Project (IPPP) for which the Central Government is providing financial assistance to State Government for the benefit of the beneficiaries. These programmes envisage the components for taking care of the shelter, feed, medicine, equipments, litter etc. to improve the living conditions of the poultry birds. Also, Department is implementing a component namely "Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases" (ASCAD) under "Livestock Health and Disease Control" under which financial assistance is provided to the State Governments to carry out vaccination of economically important poultry diseases and control and containment of Avian Influenza.

Creation of infrastructure facilities under FIDF

1374. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of money released so far from the ₹7,522 crore special Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) created last year;