

Conservation of indigenous breeds of livestock

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan for conserving the indigenous breeds of livestock viz. Murrah, Ongole and Punganur, etc., which are superior in quality, resistant to diseases and able to withstand the vagaries of the local climate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) to (c) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the States for conserving indigenous breeds of livestock viz. Murrah, Ongole and Punganur etc Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing following schemes for development and conservation of indigenous breeds:—

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme: Rashtriya Gokul Mission for development and conservation of indigenous breeds in scientific and holistic manner. All indigenous bovine breeds are covered under the project including Murrah buffalo and Ongole and Punganur breed of cattle.
- (ii) Central Sector Scheme: Breed Improvement Institutes comprises of seven Central Cattle Breeding Farms, four Central Registration Units and Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institutes. These organization are undertaking development and conservation of indigenous breeds namely (i) Tharparkar; (ii) Red Sindhi; (iii) Gir; (iv) Kankrej; (v) Ongole; (vi) Haryana and (vii) Rathi breed of cattle and (i) Surti; (ii) Murrah; (iii) Meshsana and (iv) Jaffarabadi breeds of buffaloes.

Impact of COVID-19 on Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

748. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any research regarding the economic impact of COVID-19 on the fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying sectors;