

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 417
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th FEBRUARY 2022

INDIGENOUS COW BREEDS

417 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plan/scheme to enhance the milk yield of indigenous cow breeds in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted/undertaken any detailed research in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) and (b) In order to enhance milk yield of indigenous cow breeds in the country Government of India has been implementing scheme Rashtriya Gokul Mission with the aim of development and conservation of indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovines.

(c) to (e) As informed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) is working on research strategies to improve the milk production in cows. Major Research Programme on dairy animal improvement like All India Coordinated Research Project on Cattle Research (indigenous cattle) is being a continuous activity. Additionally, under several NDRI institutional projects efforts are made to study the cow species and to improve productivity of dairy animals.