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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 748
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY 2022

CAMPAIGN ON IMPORTANCE OF COW MILK AND DUNG

748 SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government is thinking about launching a campaign to make the people of the country aware about the importance of cow milk and dung;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to abandon old methods of cow raising and to adopt scientific methods; and
- (c) if so, whether providing any financial assistance to Gaushalas is being considered to solve their problem of waste disposal through scientific methods?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the various extension activities of different schemes is making people of the country aware about the importance of cow milk and dung through organization of awareness programmes, farmers conclave etc as well as through the social media like twitter and facebook and other print and electronic media.
- (b) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing the following schemes for rearing of livestock on modern scientific lines:
 - (i) Rashtriya Gokul Mission
 - (ii) National Livestock Mission
 - (iii) Livestock Health and Disease Control Programmes
 - (iv) National Programme for Dairy Development
 - (v) Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund
 - (vi) Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund
- (c) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is not implementing any specific scheme to provide financial assistance to Gaushalas to solve the problem of waste disposal through modern scientific methods. However, the following activities have been undertaken by the Department and other agencies for waste disposal in modern scientific lines:-

- i. Under the Animal waste to Wealth Management component of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), 3% interest subvention is provided to eligible entities for establishment of Animal Waste Management units like production of PROM, Bio CNG and infrastructure development for cow dung/cow urine processing units.
- ii. National Dairy Development Board has been establishing a 4000 cubic meter capacity biogas plant at Varanasi Milk Union to meet the electrical and thermal requirement of dairy plant from animal dung based biogas.
- iii. Manure Value Chain Model has been established by the National Dairy Development Board at Zakariyapura village in Anand, Gujarat for generation of biogas for cooking purpose from animal dung.
- iv. National Dairy Development Board has piloted Manure Value chain initiatives through two milk unions and ten projects through Sustain Plus Energy Foundation.
- v. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India has published the guidelines of Phase II of the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G). Under the scheme GOBAR-Dhan (Galvanising Organic Bio Agro Resources-dhan) is an integral component for Solid Waste Management (SWM) and the small holder-based Manure Management Model established by NDDB has been included as one of the solid waste management models for implementation across the country.
- vi. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been supporting the setting up of dung based biogas plants for households in the country under the New National Biogas and Organic Manure Programme (NNBOMP) with a financial assistance ranging from RS.7500/- to Rs.35,000/- per plant based on the capacity of the plant.
- vii. The Animal Welfare Board of India has been providing financial assistance to recognised Animal Welfare Organizations towards maintenance of animal shelters, medicine, conducting camps, maintenance of animals rescued from illegal transportation/slaughter houses, provision of ambulance services for animals in distress and support for relief to animals during natural calamities.
