

START-UP INDIA SCHEME REGARDING ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

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For employment generation and promotion of entrepreneurship in dairy and small ruminant sector especially in rural areas, the Government is implementing two schemes, namely; Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS), and Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation (EDEG) across the country including Madha Lok Sabha Constituency of Maharashtra. Besides, in order to complement and supplement the efforts of the States/UTs for promotion of animal husbandry and dairy sectors, the Government is implementing various schemes namely:

- i. Rashtriya Gokul Mission,
- ii. National Programme for Dairy Development,
- iii. Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund,
- iv. Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities
- v. National Livestock Mission,
- vi. Livestock Health and Disease Control

The various sub-components under the said schemes have encouraged the unemployed youths to start-up business in the animal husbandry and dairy sector. In addition to this, the Government in partnership with Startup India, launched the "Animal Husbandry Startup Grand Challenge" on 11th September, 2019 which provides a unique opportunity in Animal Husbandry Sector having a commercially viable and innovative solution to address the key challenges in the Sector. The objective of the programme is to address the problems faced by the Animal Husbandry sector and scout for innovative solutions. The challenge will provide startups with access to the required infrastructure, mentorship and support with an aim to make Animal Husbandry and Dairying an attractive Sector. The challenge was launched recently in September 2019, therefore no start-ups were provided funds during the last three years (i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19).

Department of Food and Public Distribution deals with the storage of foodgrains (rice and wheat) post procurement by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies. This Department is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for construction of godowns in the North Eastern States along with a few other States. Funds from annual budgetary allocation are released by the Government of India to FCI and also to the State Governments for construction of godowns.

This information was given in a written reply by the Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal

Husbandry and Dairying, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan in Lok Sabha today.

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