GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRYING & FISHERIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6201

TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH MAY, 2015

MAINTENANCE OF COWS

6201. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE **कृषि मंत्री**

 be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that maintenance cost of cows has increased due to ban on cow slaughter and ban on sale of beef in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the budgetary allocation made by the Government for maintenance of cows in various States of the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE**

**(SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)**

1. to (c) No, Madam. However, under the distribution of legislative powers between the Union and the States under Article 246(3) of the Constitution, preservation of animal is a matter on which the State legislature has exclusive powers to legislate. The relevant entry viz Entry 15 of the List –II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution reads as follows “Preservation protection and improvement of stock and prevention of animal diseases; veterinary training practices”. Most of the State Governments have enacted legislation for banning/restricting/ prohibiting slaughter of animals including cattle. Details of the schemes along with their allocation being implemented by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries in Ministry of Agriculture during 2015-16 to compliment and supplement the efforts made by the States for increasing milk production and productivity of bovines is as under:

(Rs in crore)

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| S. No. | Scheme | Allocation for 2015-16 |
| 1. | National Programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development including Indigenous Breed | 150.00 |
| 2. | National Dairy Plan-I | 300.00 |
| 3. | Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme  | 127.00 |
|  | Total | 577.00 |
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