

Godhan Nyay Yojana

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The Chhattisgarh government has launched the scheme which aims to put money in the pockets of people living in the rural areas and also solve the problem of stray cattle.

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Under the 'Godhan Nyay Yojana' the government will **purchase cow dung at the rate of Rs 2 per kg**. This scheme will turn cow dung into a profitable commodity. Quality of cow dung for procurement has also been specified. The scheme also aims to **make cow rearing economically profitable** and to **prevent open grazing** in the state, as well as **help with the problem of stray animals** on roads and in urban areas.

Godhan Nyay Yojana will generate additional income and increase employment opportunities. A complete system is being put in place for implementation of the scheme. The government will procure cow dung and **prepare vermicompost in order to move towards organic farming**. There is a huge market for organic farming. Vermicompost will be sold by cooperative societies. It will **also improve urban sanitation with proper disposal of waste produced by cattle**.

Not only farmers, even the forest department, agriculture, horticulture, urban administration and other departments require a large amount of fertilizer at the time of plantation and horticulture cultivation. Distribution of vermicompost fertilizer to farmers will be done as a commodity loan by cooperative societies, banks.

In the first phase, cow dung will be procured from 2408 cowsheds in rural areas and 377 cowsheds in urban areas. As part of the 'mission clean city', which is already being implemented, municipal-level registration of each cattle rancher in urban areas will be done. Cattle will be tagged

with the owner's name, address, mobile number to the neck of each animal after the survey to **ensure accountability of cattle owners** if their cattle are found in the open.

For **vermicompost training**, nodal officers are being appointed by district collectors for every gouthan in rural and urban areas. Self-help groups will also be provided training. Cowsheds will be constructed in all 11,630 gram panchayats and then in 20,000 villages in a phased manner. District collectors have been directed to earmark land for cowshed construction and ensure training of self-help groups.