

National Mission (NLM)

Livestock

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National Livestock Mission is an initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. The mission, which commenced from 2014-15, has the objective of sustainable development of the livestock sector.

Key features

Coverage:

The Mission is designed to cover all the activities required to ensure quantitative and qualitative improvement in livestock production systems and capacity building of all stakeholders. The Mission will cover everything germane to improvement of livestock productivity and support projects and initiatives required for that purpose subject.

Objective & applicability:

This Mission is formulated with the objective of sustainable development of the livestock sector, focusing on improving the availability of quality feed and fodder. NLM is implemented in all States including Sikkim.

Submission under NLM

1. **The Sub-Mission on Fodder and Feed Development:** It will address the problems of scarcity of animal feed resources, in order to give a push to the livestock sector making it a competitive enterprise for India, and also to harness its export potential. **The major objective is to reduce the deficit to nil.**

2. **Sub-Mission on Livestock Development:** Under this, there are provisions for productivity enhancement, entrepreneurship development and employment generation (bankable projects), strengthening of infrastructure of state farms with respect to modernization, automation and biosecurity, conservation of threatened breeds, minor livestock development, rural slaughter houses, fallen animals and livestock insurance.
3. **Sub-Mission on Pig Development in North-Eastern Region:** For the first time, under NLM a Sub-Mission on Pig Development in North-Eastern Region is provided wherein Government of India would support the State Piggery Farms, and importation of germplasm so that eventually the masses get the benefit as it is linked to livelihood and contributes in providing protein-rich food in 8 States of the NER.
4. **Sub-Mission on Skill Development, Technology Transfer and Extension:** The extension machinery at field level for livestock activities is very weak. As a result, farmers are not able to adopt the technologies developed by research institutions. The emergence of new technologies and practices require linkages between stakeholders and this sub-mission will enable a wider outreach to the farmers. All the States, including the NER States may avail the benefits of the multiple components and the flexibility of choosing them under NLM for a sustainable livestock development.

Regional fodder stations(RFS)

- RFS-Chennai
- RFS-Hisar
- RFS-Hyderabad
- RFS-Jammu

- RFS-Kalyani, West Bengal
- Central Fodder Seed Production Farm, Bangalore