

Special package to livestock sector

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In news

The Union Government has approved implementation of a Special Livestock Sector Package recently.

About special package

- **Purpose :** To further boost growth in the livestock sector and thereby **making animal husbandry more remunerative to 10 crore farmers engaged in Animal Husbandry Sector.**
- **Financial support:** This package envisages **Central Government's support amounting to Rs.9800 crore** over duration of 5 years for leveraging total investment of Rs. 54,618 crore for 5 years(**starting from 2021-22**).
- The financial support also includes share of investments by State Governments, State Cooperatives, Financial institutions, External funding agencies and other stakeholder

Merging old schemes

The package has revised and realigned components of all the schemes of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and **merged into three broad categories as:**

1. **Development Programmes :** It includes Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), National Livestock Mission (NLM) and Livestock Census and Integrated Sample Survey (LC & ISS) as sub-schemes.
2. **Disease Control programme:** The programme is **renamed as Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) which**

includes the present Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) scheme and National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP).

3. **Infrastructure Development Fund:** In this the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development fund (AHIDF) and the Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) are merged and the present scheme for support to Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in Dairy activities is also included in this.

More about the realigned schemes

National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)

The realigned National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) will have two components:

Component 'A' of the NPDD:

- It will be implemented with **emphasis on milk procurement, processing, marketing** and quality of milk and milk products.
- The scheme is targeted towards installation of about 8900 bulk milk coolers, which is likely to cover about 26,700 villages and thus providing benefit to more than 8 lakh milk producers and 20 LLPD milk will be additionally procured.

Component 'B' of NPDD:

- It will avail **financial assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** as per project agreement already signed with them.
- It will create strengthened or fresh infrastructure in 4500 villages, 8.96 LLPD chilling and 7 LLPD processing capacity with incremental procurement of about 14.20 LLPD from 1.5 Lakh additional milk producers.

The Rashtriya Gokul Mission:

It will help in development and conservation of indigenous breeds and would also contribute in improving the economic condition of the rural poor.

The Livestock Sector in India

- The Livestock Sector in the country has been growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 8.15% (at constant prices) from 2014-15 to 2019-20.
- This CAGR is higher than other sectors like manufacturing sector, which has shown 6.15%, Agriculture (Crop) sector which shown 1.95% and services sector with 7.7% for similar period.
- Similarly, the Poultry sector is also growing at (CAGR constant prices) of 10.5% and playing immense role in livelihood creation in the rural economy.
- As per the estimates of Central Statistical Office (CSO) for sector wise Gross Value Added (GVA) of Agriculture and allied sector, the percentage contribution of livestock sector as a percentage of total crop and livestock sector has increased from 28% (2014-15) to 34% (2019-20).
- The Dairy sector has been growing consistently with milk production increasing from 22 million MT in 1970 to 198 million MT in 2019-20.

Livestock resources in India

As per 20th Livestock Census, India is

- World's highest livestock owner at about 535.78 million.
- First in the total buffalo population in the world.
- Second in the population of goats.
- Second largest poultry market in the world.
- Second largest producer of fish and also second largest aquaculture nation in the world.
- Third in the population of sheep.
- Fifth in in the population of ducks and chicken.

- Tenth in camel population in the world.