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Shri **Hukm Deo Narayan Yadav**, M.P. and Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture (2015-16), presented the Twenty Fourth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) to Lok Sabha today, the 2nd May, 2016.

Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under:

Share of Animal husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in the Central Plan	The Committee firmly opined to increase the amount allocated to the Department in order to augment the impact of schemes of the Department and to strengthen the backbone of the Indian economy by way of harnessing the true potential of animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries activities of the agriculture sector. (Recommendation Para No. 2)
Optimal utilization of funds allocated	Keeping in view the under utilization of allocated funds, the Committee expressed a strong desire for an adequate usage of the allocated amount and recommended that the Department revisit their plan of action drafted for the utilization of funds and for the achievement of the set targets.

	(Recommendation Para No. 4)
Establishment and strengthening of existing veterinary hospitals and dispensaries (ESVHD)	<p>Taking note of the dire shortage of veterinary practitioners and the sorry state of affairs regarding animal health care, the Committee strongly recommended that the Department heed to this issue at the earliest and take necessary measures to bridge the gap between the required and the existing number of veterinary doctors and also work towards aiding livestock owners by providing doorstep delivery of health care services for their livestock.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 8)</p>
Development of poultry	<p>In the light of ensuring nutrition and food security in the country, The Committee viewed the poultry sector as an important contributor and thus stressed upon the Department to take immediate and requisite measures to avert instances and spread of poultry diseases and to secure the socio-economic condition of the poultry farmers by introducing modern and scientific techniques to upgrade poultry farming practices.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 9)</p>
Delhi Milk Scheme	<p>The Committee strongly recommended that the Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) be granted functional autonomy and be made a commercial entity in order to keep it financially viable and to increase its all round efficiency and the Department are also urged to work towards upgrading the technologies of the DMS through renovation and modernization.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 11)</p>
Enhancement of allocation to the fisheries sector	<p>Despite India being the second largest fish producing nation in the world, the sector remains grossly inadequately funded. The sector assumes all the more importance when viewed from the point of nutrition and food security, however, the true potential of the sector is still to be harnessed. The Committee, therefore, strongly urged the Government to go for a quantum enhancement of funds for the fisheries sector.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 13)</p>
National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen	<p>The Committee recommended that the Department revamp the provisions of the said scheme and work towards incentivising fishing activities for the fisher community by stressing upon facilities such as housing and basic amenities for the fishermen and their families, training the fishermen to use modern technology and equipment in fishing and providing to them the proposed amount of subsidy</p>

	<p>without any further loss of time in order to enable them to go fishing in the high seas and to empower the fishing community by augmenting their income and savings through the subsidy received and allowing them access to banking facilities in order to avail loans.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 14)</p>
<p>Strengthen the database and geographical information system (GIS) of the fisheries sector</p>	<p>Rapidly degrading biodiversity made worse by instances of indiscriminate fishing and dredging by trawlers in deep seas have proved devastating for the ecosystem and thus prompted the Committee to strongly recommend the Department to have a census and catch assessment survey of inland and marine fisheries along with mapping of water bodies. The Committee also urged the Department to take a tough stand against illegal fish trade and to develop a GIS based fishery management system at the earliest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 16)</p>