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Shri **Hukm Deo Narayan Yadav**, M.P. and Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture (2014-15), presented the Eleventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) to Lok Sabha today, the 27th April 2015.

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

<p>Government to increase the share of the Department in the Central Plan Outlay at the earliest - Recommended.</p>	<p>The Committee have found that farmers, marginal small and semi medium operational holdings area less than 4 hectare on about 87.7% of the livestock. However, the Committee have noted with concern that the percentage share of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries stands at just 0.33% in the Twelfth Plan vis-a-vis 0.38% in the Eleventh Plan. Keeping in view the importance of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Sector in supplementing the income of our farmers, the Committee have recommend that the Government increase the share of the Department in the Central Plan at the earliest if it is really committed towards the development of this vital sector of our economy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 2)</p>
<p>Variation in proposed allocation and actual allocation be narrowed down to the extent possible</p>	<p>The Committee are well aware that allocations are decided on the inter-sector priorities as well as availability of resources, yet they are of the firm view that some degree of parity needs to exist between the</p>

<p>- Desired.</p>	<p>proposed/actual allocation figures. They, therefore, impressed upon all the concerned agencies to come together and discuss threadbare this issue to ensure that in the future the variation in proposed allocation and actual allocation is narrowed down to the extent possible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 3)</p>
<p>Department to pursue Ministry of Finance for more funds at Revised Estimate stage - Desired.</p>	<p>The Committee have noted with concern that consequent to the award of the 14th Finance Commission the grant made to States from Central Divisible Pool has been hiked from 32% to 42%, which has resulted in reduction of BE for 2015-16 of the Department, which is to the tune of Rs. 1491.14 crore as compared to Rs.1910.00 crore, Rs. 2025.00 crore and Rs. 2174.00 crore for the Fiscals 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively. The Department have also submitted that with this reduced allocation they would neither be able to achieve their targets nor be able to substantially contribute towards the rural economy and the present allocation is grossly inadequate and they need atleast an additional allocation of Rs.1.5-2 thousand crore. The Committee, therefore, desired the Department to pursue the Ministry of Finance for more funds at RE stage so to implement their projects/schemes effective during the year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 5)</p>
<p>High Level Committee constituted in the NITI Ayog work out all modalities and arrive at the percentage share of States expeditiously - Desired.</p>	<p>While agreeing with the sentiments of this increased share of States in terms of fund allocation so as to increase their share in the funds pie, they are concerned to note that the revised contribution of States in Centrally Sponsored Schemes has not been arrived at. Rather, it is under discussion of a high level Committee in the NITI Ayog. Deprecating this haste in reduction of funds even before the quantum of State's contribution is finalised, the Committee desired that the high level Committee work out all modalities and arrive at the percentage share of States expeditiously. In their view the Government should have completed this task well before revising the funding pattern of CSS Schemes. The Committee would like to be apprised of the views of the State Governments/UTs regarding the reallocated share of Centre versus State Government in the funds pie as well as revised contribution of States in Centrally Sponsored Schemes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 6)</p>
<p>Government go for quantum expansion of animal health care sector at the earliest - Recommended.</p>	<p>Inspite of the presence of 11,101 veterinary hospitals/poly clinics, 22745 veterinary dispensaries and 27050 veterinary aid centres, stockman centres and mobile dispensaries in the country, the Committee felt that the present infrastructure is not adequate to take care of the sheer size of our animal wealth. This</p>

	<p>compels our farmers to travel huge distances alongwith their animals in order to gain access to primary animals health centres be it vet hospitals/poly clinics/dispensaries. Herein too, the healthcare facilities are at a minimal level with no option for hospitalization of the sick animal. The Committee, therefore, strongly feel that the time has come to augment our animals health care paraphernalia by increasing the number of vet hospitals/polyclinics/dispensaries/mobile dispensaries so as not only bring an increase in their numbers and reach, but also improve the quality of services they have to offer. They, therefore exhorted the government to act upon their instant recommendation and go for a quantum expansion of animal health care sector at the earliest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Recommendation Para No. 14)</p>
<p>Department to focus on increasing the success rate of artificial insemination - Recommended.</p>	<p>The Committee are aware that the major challenges faced in animal breeding is about genetic upgradation of cattle and buffalo, conservation of their local breeds, production and upgradation of breeding inputs, quality control of goods and services, lack of trained human resources and incongruent institutional and policy framework. They are also aware that the focus of the Department remains on quantative and not the qualitative artificial insemination. necessary efforts to conserve the livestock of indigenous breed such as <i>Murrah, Ongole, Punganur</i> etc., which are superior in quality, resistant to diseases and can withstand climatic aberrations. The Committee, therefore, recommended the Department to shift their focus and emphasis on increasing the success rate of artificial insemination so as to provide some relief to the farmers for rearing the livestock. The Committee desired that professional training and expert scientific guide should be imparted to the technicians and inseminators about the methods of preservation, storage and transfer of semen to the field under the prescribed weather conditions so that the success rate of artificial insemination is enhanced.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Recommendation Para No. 17)</p>
<p>Allocation for Dairy Development to be enhanced – Urged.</p>	<p>Dairy Sector has experienced a substantial growth over the years owing to prudent policy intervention by the government. This has resulted in India being the global leader in milk producing nations, with production of 138 million tonnes during the fiscal 2013-14. Also, dairying has become an important secondary source of income for women and marginal farmers. Appreciating the efforts of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, the Committee urged the government to continually strive for the overall</p>

	<p>development of this vital sector in terms of enhanced allocation that would help in proper and effective implementation of Schemes and lead to increased production of milk and its consumption in the years to come.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Recommendation Para No. 18)</p>
<p>Special focus be given to strengthening the existing infrastructure, trained staff as well as increasing the number of these semen stations – Desired.</p>	<p>The Committee also noted that at present there are 45 A&B graded semen stations against 14 in 2004-05. Also under National Dairy Plan-I 22 sub-project plans have been for strengthening of semen station. Keeping into focus the vital role played by these semen stations in the successful implementation of the Scheme, the Committee desired that special focus be given to strengthening the existing semen station via adequate infrastructure and adequate trained staff as well as increasing the number of these semen stations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Recommendation Para No. 20)</p>
<p>Government go for a quantum enhancement of funds at RE level for fisheries sector - Recommended</p>	<p>India occupies the second position globally 5.69% of global share in fish production after China with a production of 9.58 million tonnes during the year 2013-14. However, the Committee observed that a much remains to be done especially in the inland and deep sea fishing in order to stem the decline in marine fishery sector . For this, the Government needs to increase the allocation to the fisheries sector. But, the converse has been taking place in the fisheries sector, wherein out of the XIIth Plan Outlay of Rs. 2483.00 crore, the BE allocation for the first four fiscals amounts to Rs. 1670.11 crore. The BE figures were then reduced at RE stage to Rs. 996.05 crore for the first three fiscals. The variation between the Plan Outlay and actual allocation in the first three fiscals is Rs. 1486.95 crore. Concerned to note that though the fisheries sector exported 9,83,756 tonnes valued at Rs. 30,213.00 crore during 2013-14, thus recording an increased of 5.98% in quantity and 60.23% in rupees over the previous year is not getting its due encouragement from the Government, in terms of funding, the Committee recommended that the Government go for a quantum enhancement of funds at RE level for this year and higher allocation in future, so as to boost the available resources for overall growth of this sector, at the earliest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Recommendation Para No. 23)</p>