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Shri **Hukm Deo Narayan Yadav**, M.P. and Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture (2014-15), presented the Fifth Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2014-15) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) to Lok Sabha today, the 22nd December, 2014.

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

Government to ensure that full quota of allocated funds are actually provided to the Department in the remaining annual allocations of the XIIth Plan- Desired.

The Committee observed that there was a wide variance in the amount initially approved, that is, Rs. 14179 crore and the Budgeted allocation for the first three fiscals by the Planning Commission which was Rs. 6109 crore, thus leaving a gap of about Rs. 8070 crore. The Budget Estimate was further reduced at RE stage in 2012-13, 2013-14 and BE for the year 2014-15 which added up to Rs. 5348 crore. In spite of numerous recommendations made by the Committee for granting the Department their full Plan allocation, no positive outcome has been witnessed. Keeping the importance of this sector in view of providing to the economically vulnerable farming community, the Committee have desired the Government to have a fresh perspective on this aspect during the XIIth Plan and to ensure that full quota of allocated funds are actually provided to the Department in the remaining annual allocations of the XIIth Plan.

(Recommendation Para No. 3)

<p>Effective steps be taken by the Ministry to ensure optimum utilization of allocated funds – Desired.</p>	<p>The Committee noted that another area of concern for the Department is under utilization of allocated funds. The actual allocation (RE) for the first two fiscals is Rs. 3600 crore, out of which only Rs. 3485.68 crore has been utilized. This has been attributed to delay in submission of project proposals and utilization certificates by the States/Implementing Agencies. Strongly deprecating this lackadaisical attitude on the part of the implementing agencies, the Committee have desired that Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries impress upon the implementing agencies the need to timely furnish project proposals as well as utilization certificates of part allocation. This would ensure a smooth flow of funds throughout the year. They therefore have desired that effective steps be taken to ensure optimum utilization of allocated funds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 6)</p>
<p>Department to ensure that National Bureau of Genetic Resources (NBAGR) classify the remaining 80% of indigenous cattle breeds and include them in the list of classified breeds - Recommended.</p>	<p>Alarmed to be informed that 80% of the indigenous cattle are non-descript, as they have not been recognized by National Bureau of Genetic Resources (NBAGR) and strongly deprecating this state of affairs, the Committee have exhorted upon Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to take up this issue with NBAGR with the alacrity it deserves to ensure that the remaining 80% of indigenous cattle that are non-descript are included in the list of breeds recognized by NBAGR after a thorough study before the end of the XIIth Plan period. They would also like to be apprised of the reasons given by NBAGR for classifying 80% of indigenous cattle as non-descript.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 13)</p>
<p>Focussed attention to be given to Artificial Insemination (AI) to improve the rather low success rate of conception in cattle that have undergone AI - Desired.</p>	<p>The Committee were concerned to note that the Department were focusing on increasing the number of Artificial Insemination without concern to its success rate. The Committee have desired that focused attention needs to be given to Artificial Insemination qualitatively and proper scientific training to the technicians on field, so as to improve the rather low success rate of conception in cattle that are artificially inseminated. Lastly, professional training should be imparted to the technicians and inseminators regarding the methods of preservation, storage and transfer of semen to the field under expert scientific guides, so as to increase the success rate of the artificial insemination and provide relief to the farmers in terms of effort, time and money.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 14)</p>
<p>Area under fodder cultivation to be increased – Recommended.</p>	<p>Committee have noted that with passage of time grazing areas in villages are diminishing due to degradation or encroachment and Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in</p>

	<p>constantly deliberating this issue with the concerned States/UTs. Taking into consideration the gravity of the situation, the Committee have exhorted upon the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to take up the issue of encroachment of rural pastures/grazing land at the highest level so as to rid them of encroachment at the earliest. Further the Department should pursue, the State Governments/Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Urban Development and suggest alternative spots/unused lands which could be utilised for cultivating animal fodder. They have also desired that alternative grasses/nutritive fodder should be grown in the areas where Parthaneium (weed) is growing at a rapid speed and reducing the cultivable area, thereby reducing space for growing fodder.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 18)</p>
<p>Clear cut mechanism/institutional arrangement for creating awareness about the research work and synergic use of the modern and traditional good practices on a wide scale-Recommended.</p>	<p>Not appreciating the dependence of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and tendency to pass the buck to the institutional set up of DAC/DARE so far as creating awareness is concerned, the Committee have strongly recommended that DAHDF should bring out immediately a clear cut mechanism/ institutional arrangement for creating awareness about the research work, modern ways of suing the animal products and synergic use of the modern and traditional good practices on a wide scale to cover beneficiaries at every block / panchayat level.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 20)</p>
<p>Government to provide functional autonomy to Delhi Milk Scheme - Recommended.</p>	<p>Taking cue from the Ministry's candid admittance that in order to run Delhi Milk Scheme efficiently as a commercial entity and to make it financially viable, it needs to be provided autonomy, to enable it to take strategic decisions on commercial lines, the Committee have recommended that the Ministry put their statement into motion at the earliest so as the ensure that Delhi Milk Scheme is provided functional autonomy, so as to ensure that it is restored as a flourishing, viable and profit making entity like mother dairy and others. They have further desired to be apprised of the steps taken by the Department towards providing functional autonomy to Delhi Milk Scheme at the earliest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 25)</p>
<p>Government to go for quantum enhancement of funds for the Fisheries Sector – Recommended.</p>	<p>The Committee have observed that though India occupies the second position globally in fish production after China with a production of 9.04 million tonnes (provisional) during the year 2012-13, yet much remains to be done especially in the inland and deep</p>

	<p>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 three fiscals amounts to Rs. 1193.16 crore. The BE figures were then reduced at RE stage to Rs. 644.49 crore for the first two fiscals. The variation between the Plan Outlay and actual allocation in the first two fiscals is Rs. 1838.51 crore. Concerned to note that though the fisheries sector exported 9,28,215 tonnes valued at Rs. 18,856.26 crore during 2012-13, which has increased almost three times from 2009-10 value of exports, is not getting its due encouragement from the Government, in terms of funding, the Committee have recommended that the Government go for a quantum enhancement of funds, so as to boost the available resources for overall growth of this sector, at the earliest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 26)</p>
<p>All identified Marine Fishermen be issued Biometric Identity Cards in a time bound manner – Desired.</p>	<p>The Committee lauded Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries for having come up with the Central Sector Scheme on Issuance of Biometric Cards to marine Fishermen from 11th December, 2009. The primary reason that marine fishermen sometimes stray into foreign waters inadvertently due to lack of proper demarcation of marine boundaries. This has resulted in our fishermen being captured after having strayed into foreign waters. It creates diplomacy issues besides marine fishermen languishing in their jails. Further the Committee have noted that out of the identified 18, 12, 011 marine fishermen, 11, 21, 814 cards have been issued till January, 2014. Keeping in view the sensitive nature of the task and also the safety and well being of our marine fishermen and its ramifications on our National Security, the Committee have desired that all identified marine fishermen be issued biometric identity cards in a time bound manner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 31)</p>