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Shri **Hukm Deo Narayan Yadav**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2016-17), presented the Thirty Seventh Report (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2017-18) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) to Lok Sabha today, the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

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

<b>Share of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in the Central Plan</b>	<b>The Committee, while noting the contribution of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in employment generation; food basket and the GDP, have recommended that the allocation made to the Department in the Central share be increased so that various programmes undertaken by them do not suffer for want of funds.</b>  <b>(Recommendation Para No. 1)</b>
<b>Utilization of funds</b>	<b>The Committee, while noting that even meagre allocations made to the Department have not been utilized optimally, have recommended that the Department should make earnest efforts for optimum utilization of funds and take corrective measures to manage and regulate finances effectively.</b>  <b>(Recommendation Para No. 3)</b>

<p><b>Shortage of veterinary doctors and medicine</b></p>	<p>Taking cognizance of inadequate animal health care facilities and infrastructure in the country, the Committee have recommended that the Department formulate an immediate action plan to target the shortage of veterinary doctors and medicines for livestock / poultry, mainly in the rural areas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Recommendation Para No. 5)</b></p>
<p><b>Pig Development in the North Eastern Region</b></p>	<p>While noting the disturbing trend of decrease in the population of pigs, the Committee have recommended that the Department must incentivize pig breeders to adopt scientific breeding techniques to increase the number of viable breeder farms, early detection of diseases, quarantine of affected pigs in swine flu affected regions and quality control of pigs so as to support development of piggery in the North Eastern Region.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Recommendation Para No. 8)</b></p>
<p><b>Dairy Development Scheme</b></p>	<p>While observing that the Department is working for generation of self employment opportunities in the dairying sector through enhancement of milk production; procurement, preservation, transportation, processing and marketing of milk, the Committee have recommend that the Department should generate awareness about the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme amongst prospective individuals/ entrepreneurs/ farmers etc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Recommendation Para No. 9)</b></p>
<p><b>Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture</b></p>	<p>While noting the fisheries in India as an important economic activity, the Committee have recommended that the Department impress upon States to send proposals for expansion of their area under aquaculture and provision of adequate funding so as to tap the full potential of inland fisheries and aquaculture in the country.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Recommendation Para No. 11)</b></p>

**Special Package for Rehabilitation of Bereaved Families of the Farmers Committing Suicides**

**Taking note of the spate of farmer suicides across the country, the Committee recommended that the Department come up with a special package to rehabilitate the families of farmers who commit suicide and to ensure effective mechanisms to monitor timely release of such relief funds to the bereaved families.**

**(Recommendation Para No. 13)**