

DEVELOPMENT OF LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY SECTOR SCHEMES FOR BIHAR

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(a) to (c) In order to complement the efforts made by the State and Union Territories for the livestock and dairy sectors the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing following programmes in the country including Bihar:

1. Rashtriya Gokul Mission is implemented with focus on development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancement of milk production and productivity of bovines thereby making milk production more remunerative to the farmers. Rashtriya Gokul Mission is leading to increase in population of high yielding animals of bovines including indigenous breeds of cattle and buffalo. Under Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme 33.39 lakh dairy farmers benefitted during the last three years.
2. National Livestock Mission (NLM) is implemented with the aim of employment generation, entrepreneurship development, increase in per animal productivity and thus targeting increased production of meat, goat milk, egg and wool under the umbrella scheme Development Programme. The scheme have following three Sub-Missions: (a) Sub-mission on Breed Development of Livestock and Poultry; (b) Sub-mission on Feed and Fodder Development and (c) Sub Mission on Innovation and Extension. Under National Livestock Mission Entrepreneurship Development Programme 2 projects with the project cost of Rs 70 lakh has been approved for Bihar and subsidy amount of Rs 14 lakh has been released to beneficiaries.

The Sub-Mission on feed and fodder is having following components:

- i. Assistance for Quality Fodder Seed Production
 - ii. Entrepreneurial activities in feed and fodder
 - iii. Establishment of Entrepreneurs for Fodder Seed Processing Infrastructure (processing and grading unit/ fodder seed storage godown)
 - iv. Fodder production from Non-Forest Wasteland/Rangeland/Non-arable Land” and “Fodder Production from Forest Land
 - v. Livestock Insurance programme: Assistance is provided to the State Government for share of premium @ 60:40 or 90:10 basis for insurance coverage for animals. The beneficiary is providing 15% share of the premium. The benefit of subsidy is restricted to 10 cattle unit per household
3. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF): AHIDF provides interest subvention at the rate 3% per annum for creation/ strengthening of livestock product processing and diversification infrastructure thereby providing greater access for unorganized producer members to organized market.

4. National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD): NPDD is implemented with following 2 components:

- (i) Component "A" of NPDD focuses on creating/strengthening of infrastructure for quality milk testing equipment as well as primary chilling facilities for State Cooperative Dairy Federations/ District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union/ Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Milk Producer Companies/ Farmer Producer Organizations.
- (ii) Component "B" of the NPDD Scheme "Dairying through Cooperatives" aims to increase sale of milk and dairy products by increasing farmer's access to organized market, upgrading dairy processing facilities and marketing infrastructure and enhancing the capacity of producer owned institutions.

Under NPDD scheme, 19 projects have been approved across Bihar with the total project cost of Rs. 34601.85 lakh with a Central share of Rs. 25433.07 lakh and out of this an amount of Rs.24124.29 lakh has been released till date 28.02.2026. The benefit of the scheme is accruing to all the dairy farmers of the State.

5. Supporting Dairy Cooperatives & Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO): To assist the State Dairy Cooperative Federations by providing interest subvention (regular 2% and additional 2% on prompt repayment) with respect to soft working capital loan to tide over the crisis on account of severely adverse market conditions or natural calamities.

6. Kisan Credit Card (KCC) provide working capital loan to Animal Husbandry and Dairy farmers. Interest Subvention of 1.5% to the banks and Prompt Repayment Incentive of 3% to the farmers are provided up to Rs.2 lakh on working capital requirement towards animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries activities against KCC cards under the "Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)" of M/o Agriculture and farmers Welfare, GoI. This helps dairy farmers to invest in better-quality feed, veterinary care, and advanced breeding techniques. As on 31.03.2025, in Bihar 2,54,408 KCC accounts are operational with an outstanding amount of Rs 1289.73 Cr.

7. Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) is implemented to provide for prophylactic vaccination against animal diseases, capacity building of veterinary services, disease surveillance, and strengthening veterinary infrastructure. Also, a new component of Pashu Aushadhi is added under the scheme ensure availability of affordable generic veterinary medicine across the country through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PM-KSK) and Cooperative Societies. This will create an ecosystem for Generic Medicine which will be affordable and of good quality. So far, in Bihar 8.09 crore vaccinations performed against FMD benefitting 64.68 lakh dairy farmers and 32.75 lakh vaccinations performed against Brucellosis benefitting 15.18 lakh dairy farmers.

This information was given by Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh in the Lok Sabha in response to a question asked.

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