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Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH&DC) Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which supplements the efforts of the States/UTs in development of animal husbandry by providing financial assistance as Central share for control & containment of animals diseases. It has been continuing since 10th Five Year Plan Period. The Scheme was modified during 11th Plan and 12th Plan period by inclusion of new components and modifying existing components. The Classical Swine Fever-Control Programme is being focussed in the North Eastern Region, while the other disease Control Programmes are being implemented across the country.

The details of the components of the scheme with Central and State funding are as under:

- (1) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Disease (ASCAD): Assistance is provided to State/Union Territory Governments for control of economically important and zoonotic diseases of livestock and poultry by immunization, strengthening of the existing State Veterinary Biological Production Units and of the existing Disease Diagnostic Laboratories as well as for providing inservice training to veterinarians and para-veterinarians. Funds are provided also for vaccination against canine rabies and for control of endo-parasites in cattle and buffaloes. Funding Pattern is 60:40 Centre: State except NE states & 3 Himalayan Region where it is 90:10 Centre: State; 100 % central assistance to UTs, for training & control of emergent exotic diseases and for conducting training /holding workshops. Grants are also provided as compensation to farmers for culling of birds, elimination of infected animals, destruction of feed/eggs including operational cost (50:50 between Centre: states).
- **(2) Peste des Petits Ruminants Control Programme (PPR-CP):** The programme is presently implemented throughout the country by vaccinating all susceptible sheep & goats for which central financial assistance is provided for vaccination and surveillance. Funding Pattern is in the ratio 60:40 Centre: State except NE states & 3 Himalayan Region where it is 90:10 Centre: State with 100 % central assistance to UTs.
- (3) Establishment and Strengthening of existing Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries (ESVHD): In order to help states establish new veterinary hospitals and dispensaries as well as strengthen/equip the existing ones including running mobile veterinary ambulances, the Department provides financial assistance under this component. Funding Pattern is in the ratio 60:40, Centre: State except NE states & 3 Himalayan Region where it is 90:10 Centre: State with 100 % central assistance to UTs.
- **(4) Classical Swine Fever Control Programme (CSF-CP):** This disease is a major constraint to the development of pig farming in the North East part of the country where pig farming is a major

source of livelihood for most households. In order to control the CSF disease in pigs, central assistance is provided for vaccination against Classical Swine Fever. Funding Pattern is 90:10 Centre: State for NE states.

- **(5) National Project on Rinderpest Surveillance and Monitoring (NPRSM):** Assistance is given to strengthen surveillance to maintain the country's freedom from Rinderpest & Contagious Bovine Pleuro-Pneumonia (CBPP) infections, secured in May 2006 and May 2007, respectively. Funding Pattern is 100% central assistance to States & UTs.
- **(6) Professional Efficiency Development (PED):** Assistance is given to the State Veterinary Councils and the Veterinary Council of India (VCI) to carry out their statutory functions under the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 as well as to carry out Continuous Veterinary Education (CVE) for in-service veterinarians. Funding Pattern is 50:50 Centre: State except 100% central assistance to UTs.

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