

National Livestock Mission

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National Livestock Mission launched during 2014-15 was formulated for development of livestock sector with the objectives to enhance the level of nutrition and standard of living of livestock keepers and farmers especially small holders through sustainable, safe and equitable livestock development.

It broadly covers all the activities required to ensure quantitative and qualitative improvement in livestock production systems and capacity building of all stakeholders. The major outcomes of the Mission is to reduce the gap in demand and availability of feed and fodder, conservation and improvement of indigenous breeds, higher productivity and production in a sustainable and environment friendly manner, enhanced livelihood opportunities, especially in rainfed areas and for landless, small and marginal farmers, increased awareness, improved risk coverage and better availability of quality animal products to consumers overall socio-economic upliftment of livestock rearers. It has four Sub-Missions are as under:-

The Sub-Mission on Livestock Development:-

There are provisions for productivity enhancement including new innovative pilot projects for small ruminants, pigs and poultry, Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation (bankable projects), strengthening of infrastructure of state farms with respect to modernization, automation and bio-security, conservation of threatened breeds, minor livestock development, rural slaughter houses, fallen animals and livestock insurance.

The Sub-Mission on Pig Development in North-Eastern Region:

There has been persistent demand from the North Eastern States seeking support for all round development of piggery in the region. For the first time, under NLM a Sub-Mission on Pig Development in North-Eastern Region is provided wherein Government of India would support the State Piggery Farms, and import of germplasm so that eventually the masses get the benefit as it is linked to livelihood and contributes in providing protein-rich food in 8 NER States.

The Sub-Mission on Fodder and Feed Development :

Address the problems of scarcity of animal feed resources, in order to give a push to the livestock sector making it a competitive enterprise for India, and also to harness its export potential. The major objective is to reduce the deficit to nil.

Sub-Mission on Skill Development, Technology Transfer and Extension:-

The extension machinery at field level for livestock activities is very weak. As a result, farmers are not able to adopt the technologies developed by research institutions. The emergence of new technologies and practices require linkages between stakeholders and this sub-mission will enable a wider outreach to the farmers.

All the States including NER States can avail the benefits of the multiple components and the flexibility of choosing them under NLM for a sustainable livestock development.

Funding Pattern:

The sub-scheme National Livestock Mission is being implemented on a cost sharing ratio of 60:40 between Central & State Government except NE and Himalayan States where the ratio is 90:10 and 100% in case of Union Territories. The component Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation (EDEG) and Small Livestock Institute are being implemented on 100% Central Assistance. However, the EDEG is a beneficiary oriented scheme wherein the entire subsidy portion (25% for General and 33.33% for SC&ST beneficiary) to eligible beneficiary is provided by Central Government through NABARD. Under EDEG the back ended subsidy in North- East /Hill /Left Wing Extremism (LWE) and difficult areas varies between 35% to 60%.