

ABSTRACT

Animal Husbandry Department - "Scheme for Free Distribution of Goats/ Sheep" 2019-20 - Financial sanction for a sum of Rs.198.75 Crore - Sanctioned- Orders- Issued.

Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (AH2) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.106

Dated : 05.08.2019

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Read:-

1. G.O.(Ms)No.78, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (AH2) Department, dated: 29.07.2011
2. G.O.(Ms).No.161, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (AH2) Department, dated: 14.08.2018
3. From the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Chennai-35 Letter Roc No.13499/MC1/2019-2, dated: 01.04.2019

ORDER:-

Based on the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 09.07.2011, in the Government Order first read above, orders have been issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.925.00 Crore for procurement of Goats/Sheep, along with insurance and transportation charges etc., under "Free Distribution of Goats/Sheep Scheme" over a period of five years from 2011-12 to 2015-16. Accordingly, the Scheme has been continuously implemented upto 2018-19 and so far 40,88,608 goats/sheep were distributed to 10,22,152 poor woman beneficiaries.

2. During the Budget Speech in the Legislative Assembly on 08.02.2019, it was announced that the Government will continue the "Free distribution of Goats/Sheep Scheme" during the year 2019-20.

3. Based on the announcement, the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in his letter third read above sent proposal for implementation of the Scheme of Free Distribution of Goats/Sheep for the year 2019-20. The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services has stated that it has been proposed to distribute Goats/Sheep to all the eligible beneficiaries selected by Grama Sabha in the Village Panchayat without changing the district target.

Hence, it is proposed to distribute 6,00,000 Goats/Sheep to 1,50,000 beneficiaries during the year 2019-20. The Scheme will be implemented in 31 districts.

4. The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services has furnished the requirement of funds for implementation of the "Free Distribution of Goats/Sheep Scheme" during the year 2019-20 as follows:-

Cost for Scheme implementation during the year 2019-20

(Rs. in crore)

Component	Total Cost
Cost of animals @ Rs.2500 / animal and seed money @ Rs.500/animal (4 animal/family) (Rs.3000 x 4 x 1,50,000)	180.00
Cost for insurance of animals (includes ear tag cost) @ 3% of cost of animal (Rs.75 x 6,00,000)	4.50
Cost for Transportation of animals @ Rs.150/ beneficiary (Rs.150 x 1,50,000)	2.25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingencies including photography, fuel, DTP, Stationeries, Album, Documentation at Village level etc., • Contingency expenditure for conduct of meetings with Regional Joint Directors of Animal Husbandry, Assistant Directors, Insurance Officials, Bank officials and National Informatics Officials at Head Office towards refreshment charges, photography, fuel, DTP, Stationeries, documentation at head office including conveyances, software and hardware maintenance, hiring of programmer for software maintenance, strengthening the Scheme Monitoring Cell by purchase of computers, printers, photocopiers and other accessories etc., • IEC activities, News paper advertisement, (Rs.500x1,50,000) 	7.50
Cost for Training of beneficiaries for 3 days @ Rs.100 per day. (Rs.300 x 1,50,000)	4.50
Total Cost	198.75

5. The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services has therefore requested the Government to sanction a sum of Rs.198.75 crore for procurement and distribution of six lakh Goats/Sheep to 1.5 lakh beneficiaries under "Free Distribution of Goats/Sheep Scheme" during the year 2019-20 by relaxing the Quarterly control of appropriation system ordered in the G.O.(Ms) No.121, Finance (BG.I) Department, dated: 31.03.2019.

6. The Government after careful examination decided to accept the proposal of Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and thereby accord administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.198.75 crore (Rupees One hundred and ninety eight crore and seventy five lakh only) for procurement of 6 lakh Goats/Sheep for Free distribution of Goats/Sheep to 1.5 lakh beneficiaries, the poorest of the poor rural landless families during the year 2019-20 by relaxing the Quarterly Control of appropriation system.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following Head of Account:-

(Rs.in crore)

Head of account	Amount
"2403-00- Animal Husbandry - 800 Other Expenditure- State's Expenditure - JH - Free Distribution of Sheep/Goat to the persons living below poverty line -309 Grants-in-Aid - 03 Grants for Specific Schemes" old (DPC 2403-00-800-JH-0939) IFHRMS (DPC-2403-00-800-JH-30903)	139.12
"2403-00- Animal Husbandry - 789 Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes - State's Expenditure- JE - Free Distribution of Sheep/Goat to the persons living below poverty line under Special Component Plan - 309 Grants-in-Aid - 03 Grants for Specific Schemes" old (DPC 2403-00-789-JE-0931) IFHRMS (DPC-2403-00-789-JE-30903)	57.64
"2403-00- Animal Husbandry - 796 Tribal Area Sub-Plan - State's Expenditure - JD - Free Distribution of Sheep/Goats to the persons living below poverty line under Tribal Area Sub-Plan - 309 Grants-in-Aid- 03 - Grants for Specific Schemes" old (DPC 2403-00-796-JD-0938) IFHRMS (DPC-2403-00-796-JD-30903)	1.99
Total	198.75

8. The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 6 above for implementation of the above Scheme for the year 2019-20. He has also requested to ensure that no amount sanctioned in yesteryears for this scheme remain unutilized and kept in bank accounts.

9. The detailed guidelines is appended as Annexure to this Government Order.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.36689/Fin.(AHD&F)/19, dated: 02.08.2019


(By order of the Governor)

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The Pay and Accounts Officer(South), Chennai-35
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All Regional Joint Directors of Animal Husbandry Through
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Annexure to G.O.(Ms).No106, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (AH2)Department, Dated: 05.08.2019

Guidelines for the implementation of Scheme for Free Distribution of Goats / Sheep to the poorest of the poor free of cost in rural village panchayats during 2019-2020

1. Introduction :

The Government of Tamil Nadu launched a "Scheme for Free Distribution of Goats / Sheep" for the poorest of poor in the rural areas in order to enhance their standard of living during the year 2011-12. The Scheme has been well appreciated for its success in converting assetless individuals into animal asset owning families having a sustainable livelihood opportunity. The Scheme is being continued for the year 2019-20.

- 1.1 A total of 1,50,000 beneficiaries, who are predominantly women in rural areas will be distributed 4 Goats / Sheep each during 2019-20 so as to have a sustainable livelihood opportunity. As per the provisional figures available under the 19th Livestock Census, there are about **81.43 lakh Goats** and **47.86 lakh Sheep in the State**. The following varieties of goats are widely available in the State - Salem Black, Kanni Aadu, Kodi Aadu, Non-descriptive goat, Pallaiadu and Molai Aadu. The following types of sheep are available in the State - Meichery, Madras Red, Trichy Black, Ramnad White, Vembur, Chevadu, Nilgiris and Keezha Karisal. Sheep are generally preferred to be reared by the beneficiaries only in large numbers and that too in such Village Panchayats which have got substantial grazing grounds. Goats can be maintained through stall feeding in the households and are maintained even in such villages where the grazing grounds are not extensively available. Goats are generally preferred by poor households since it is possible to rear them even in a few numbers.

2. Implementation of the Scheme :

- 2.1 The goats / sheep can normally be procured from within the State. The procurement of Goats / Sheep in larger numbers from other States is not preferable since this category of animals (also called 'small ruminants' in Veterinary terminology) are fragile and prone to diseases when transported en masse from long distances and different climatic zones. Hence, unlike the Scheme for procurement of free Milch Cows wherein cows only from other States are procured in the earlier years, it has been decided to procure Goats/Sheep predominantly from the local market shandies available within the State in the proximity of the beneficiaries. If, good quality animals are brought and supplied by the breeders in the Village itself, the supply of Goats/Sheep through such breeders will be permitted.

It is presumed that about 6-7 lakh Goats/ Sheep can be procured from the shandies within the State or from the neighboring State shandies without causing shortage of availability of Goats/Sheep for meat purpose and without causing impact on the price of Goats/Sheep in the area. The Government have distributed 40,88,608 Goats/Sheep from 2011-12 to 2018-19, and about 73 lakh kids were obtained from these Goats/Sheep. These kids are also available for procurement by the new beneficiaries.

- 2.2. In view of the availability of about 6-7 lakh Goats /Sheep in a year, the number of families to be assisted during 2019-20 will be 1.5 lakh. The Grama Sabhas will be utilized to identify the poorest of the poor beneficiaries within each Village.

3. Eligibility Norms:

- 3.1. The beneficiaries will be the poorest of the poor families living in Village Panchayats (rural areas) who are identified by the Village Level Committee as per the norms and whose name is approved by the Grama Sabha as the poorest of the poor in the village.

3.2. Goats/Sheep will be distributed at the rate of 4 Goats/Sheep per household. In order to empower the women, it has been decided that the **actual beneficiary will be the Woman of the household** (widows, Destitutes and disabled women to be given priority within this group). *In case there are any Transgenders residing in the Village Panchayat, who are otherwise eligible as per the criteria given below, they will also be considered to be eligible for the Scheme.*

3.3 Atleast 30% beneficiaries from the Village Panchayat should necessarily belong to SC/ST (SC: 29% and ST:1%) community. In case of non availability in any of the above categories in the village panchayat, the shortfall must be made up within the District by the District Collector or overall in the State by Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services.

3.4 **The beneficiaries under this Scheme should satisfy the following eligibility criteria:**

- Must be the landless agricultural labourers.(None of the members whose names co-exist in the family card in which the beneficiary's name finds a place should own any land)
- Should be a permanent resident of the Village Panchayat.
- The beneficiary's household should have at least one member between the age of 18 and 60 to effectively rear the Goats/sheep.
- Should not own any Cow and Goats/Sheep at present.
- Should not be an employee of Central / State Government or any organization / co-operative or member of any Local Body (nor should their spouse or father/mother/ parents-in-law/son/daughter/ son- in-law/ daughter-in-law be so).
- Should not have benefited from the Free Distribution of Milch Cows and Goats/Sheep Schemes of the Government earlier.

4. Process of selection of the beneficiaries:

4.1 The target number of beneficiaries for each District will be decided by the

Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (DAH&VS) based on the strength of the rural population of the District.

4.2 During implementation of the scheme in previous years till 2015-16, in each District, the Village Panchayats were selected in such a manner that approximately one-fifth of the beneficiaries were covered in each Block in a year and the beneficiaries of a particular Village Panchayat fully covered within the year itself. As almost all the Village Panchayats were covered for implementation of the above Scheme till 2015-16 the same Village Panchayats have been taken for implementation since 2016-17. As was done during 2018-19 it is now proposed that all the eligible beneficiaries in a village Panchayat finalised by the Grama Sabha and approved by the District Collector shall be distributed goats / sheep units with regard to District targets. The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services will work out the detailed Action Plan in this regard and convey to the District Collectors for implementation. In case of difficulties in implementation of the Scheme in some of the Village Panchayats having urbanised characters or special locations where the community is not willing to rear goats/sheep, the District Collector will, in consultation with the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, reallocate the target to other deserving Village Panchayats. The Regional Joint Director of Animal Husbandry shall prepare the action plan for the entire year.

4.3 In the District, **the District Collector will be the overall in-charge of the process of identification of beneficiaries and implementation.** The Regional Joint Director (Animal Husbandry) [RJDAH], Project Officer (Mahalir Thittam) and Assistant Director (Panchayats) will assist him in this regard. The District Collector will form a **Village Level Committee** consisting of (i) Village Panchayat President, (ii) Vice- President, (iii) the Senior most Ward member (by age) representing SC / ST Community, (iv) the Panchayat Level Federation (PLF) co-ordinator (v) Secretary of Village Poverty Reduction Committee (VPRC) (and in case VPRC is not there an active

SHG representative) (vi) the person incharge of VD of the area and (vii) the Zonal Deputy BDO to identify and shortlist the list of beneficiaries as per the norms specified. The Panchayat Union Chairman is included as a special invitee to the village level committee. However, the signature of the Panchayat Union Chairman in the selection of beneficiary need not be mandatory as there may be more than one Grama Sabha meeting on the same day at a time in the same Panchayat Union. *The District Collector should also ensure that necessary support is rendered to the Committee by the Village Panchayat Secretary concerned.* The purpose of adding the person incharge of VD and Zonal Deputy BDO is to ensure that the shortlisted beneficiaries are conforming to the prescribed norms. The entire VLC members shall be responsible for the selection of beneficiaries. VAO should verify the land holdings of the beneficiary and other criteria of eligibility and should also verify the land holdings of the beneficiary's immediate family members whose name co-exist in the family card in which name of the beneficiary finds a place.

If Special Officer (Block Development Officers) is appointed for a Village Panchayat, he shall replace the Village Panchayat President, Vice-President and the Senior most Ward member representing SC/ST Community in the Village Level Committee

4.4 After constituting the Village Level Committee for the selected Village Panchayats concerned, the District Collector should arrange to convene a meeting of all the members concerned and in that meeting, the details of the Scheme and the eligibility conditions are to be explained in detail. The District Collector should himself convene this meeting in one or more sessions in order to convey the details and the seriousness of the selection process.

4.5 The District Collector should, thereafter, fix a Special Meeting of the Grama Sabha in the Village Panchayat concerned to inform the details of the

Scheme to the villagers. The person in charge of VD and the Zonal Deputy Block Development Officer will explain the salient features of the Scheme and the eligibility details of the beneficiaries in the meeting. Applications for the Free Distribution of Goats/Sheep Scheme will be sought for in this Special Grama Sabha meeting from the interested beneficiaries.

- 4.6 A period of one week will also be given for further receipt of applications. The applications can be given to any of the Village Level Committee members or directly to the Village Panchayat. Thereafter, the person incharge of VD and Zonal Deputy Block Development Officer will arrange a meeting of the Village Level Committee in the office of the Village Panchayat to scrutinize and list out the names of all the eligible beneficiaries for the Scheme
- 4.7 The list thus prepared should also be got verified by the person incharge of VD, Zonal Deputy Block Development Officer along with the Village Administrative Officer concerned, to confirm the landless status of the proposed beneficiaries and the family members whose names find a place in the family card along with the community details. (No Certificate is however to be insisted upon, and the scrutiny of the Village Level Committee and subsequently the Grama Sabha will be considered to be final). Only after ensuring the eligibility of the proposed beneficiaries, the list will be approved by the Village Level Committee.
- 4.8 The finalized list should be placed before the Grama Sabha for approval. The Grama Sabha should again ensure that 30% of the beneficiaries belong to SC/ST Communities.
- 4.9 The District Collector should also arrange to send the person incharge of VD and Zonal Deputy Block Development Officer or another official of the rank of Zonal Deputy Block Development Officer (in case the Zonal Deputy Block Development Officer is unable to attend) to participate in

the Grama Sabha meeting and facilitate the discussion and finalization of the beneficiaries list.

4.10 The approved list will be displayed in the Village Panchayat Notice Board and other prominent places in the Village Panchayat.

5 Procurement Schedule:-

Procurement of goats/sheep will be scheduled as under:

Year	No.of Beneficiaries	No.of goats/sheep
2019-20	1,50,000	6,00,000

- A District level, Block level and Panchayat level, Action Plan is to be prepared by the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in such a way as to implement the programme in all the districts within the prescribed time frame as per the above schedule.

6. DISTRIBUTION OF ANIMALS:

- While distributing Goats/Sheep to the beneficiaries, the following criteria should be followed: Out of 4 Goats/Sheep to be given to each beneficiary, one should ordinarily be a male and three should be females. All the four can also be females if the beneficiary so wishes. All the goats/sheep should be about six to eight months of age.
- Goats/Sheep from neighboring States /Districts are permitted to be purchased, provided they are of good quality.
- All Goats/Sheep procured and distributed under the Scheme should bear a unique Identification Tag in the left ear. No Goat/Sheep, which has already got a tag or hole on any of the ears, should be purchased under this Scheme.

7. Training of Beneficiaries

7.1 Since all the Beneficiaries are first time animal owners, they may not have sufficient knowledge required for rearing Goats / Sheep that are provided to

them. In order to empower them with the necessary skills training will be provided for 3 days to all the beneficiaries. The first training will be provided prior to purchase of animals. This is done to provide information on selection of the healthy animals based on predefined criteria. The second training will be provided on 10th day post purchase and third training, 30 days post purchase. The training will be provided to them covering various aspects of Goat / Sheep rearing including feeding management, breeding management, care of pregnant animals, care of young ones etc.,

- 7.2 The training will be provided by the University Training and Research Centres of the Tamilnadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in coordination with the Animal Husbandry Department officials.
- 7.3 The beneficiaries will be provided training for 3 days at locations near their villages and the cost for training will be provided from funds allocated under Training.

8. Procurement Procedure:

(i) Procurement of animals from the neighbouring States :

The beneficiaries in the Districts of Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Coimbatore, Erode, The Nilgiris, Theni, Thirunelveli and Kanniyakumari will have a choice of procuring the animals from the shandies of the neighbouring districts belonging to other States.

(ii) Procurement of animals from neighbouring shandies and breeders:

In most of these cases, the beneficiaries have to procure the Goats/Sheep from the open market shandies. There are 263 livestock markets in the State. In most of these shandies, all species of livestock are traded. Most of these shandies are weekly shandies. These shandies will be the source for procuring the Goats/Sheep. There are also a number of Goat/Sheep breeders who breed good quality animals in addition to these shandies. The

Regional Joint Directors of Animal Husbandry concerned should have the list of those breeders who rear good quality goats/sheep in their districts so that the beneficiaries have the opportunity to get good quality animals which are brought by the breeders even to the Village, if possible. Thus, the beneficiaries will have the choice to procure the animals either from the shandies or from the breeders breeding good quality Goats/Sheep.

It is proposed to procure animals from the livestock Shandies/ breeders. The Spot Purchase procedure through a Procurement Committee headed by the Divisional level Officer of Animal Husbandry/person incharge of VH and the beneficiary herself, person incharge of VD concerned as members will purchase the Goats/Sheep from the Shandies. The Spot Purchase system will be followed with a view to fully involve the beneficiaries in (a) the choice of procurement of the Goats/Sheep and (b) negotiation of the price of the Goats / Sheep, and (c) to avoid complaints of higher prices or poor quality of animals at a later stage. In fact, under the Spot Purchase system, a fixed price is earmarked for the purchase of each Goat/Sheep and hence, will negate chances for any future complaints by the beneficiaries on this procedure.

9. Beneficiary involved procurement procedure:-

The procurement of Goats/Sheep will be done as per the procedure given below:-

- 9.1 The Director of Animal Husbandry will allocate funds to the Regional Joint Directors of Animal Husbandry based on the number of animals to be distributed in the District concerned. Funds will also be allocated for the administrative expenditure to be incurred for the implementation of the Scheme.
- 9.2 The Regional Joint Directors will open a separate Bank Account for this Scheme to receive funds allotted by Head Office. The Regional Joint Directors of Animal Husbandry will re-allot the amount to the concerned Divisional level officers of Animal Husbandry, who will open a Nodal Account for the

- receipt of funds in a Nationalized Bank / Scheduled Bank/ Co-operative bank.
- 9.3 The Divisional level Officer of Animal Husbandry concerned will open a separate Bank Account in the same Bank for each Village Panchayat for which Goats/Sheep have to be procured during the year. (This Account should be different from the Account of Free Distribution of Milch Cows Scheme in case that Scheme is also under implementation in the Village Panchayat). This Account should be jointly in the name of the Divisional level Officer of Animal Husbandry and the person incharge of VD under whose jurisdiction the Village Panchayat is located. The Divisional level Officer of Animal Husbandry will transfer the amount for procurement of animals, insurance cost, training cost, transportation cost and photographic charges to this Account from the Nodal Account. The amount required for fuel cost and other expenses will be retained in the Nodal Account.
- 9.4 The Divisional level Officer of Animal Husbandry along with the person incharge of VD concerned, select a list of possible neighboring shandies and choose convenient date(s) to take the beneficiaries to these shandies to procure the animals.
- 9.5 The Divisional level Officer of Animal Husbandry should also, with the assistance of the person incharge of VD, Zonal Deputy BDO and the Village Panchayat President concerned facilitate in the formation of a **Beneficiary Committee** of the beneficiaries, which should have a minimum of three members who are democratically elected from amongst the beneficiaries. This **Beneficiary Committee** will coordinate with the officials for the procurement of the Goats / Sheep, and the subsequent post-purchase care of the animals. In instances wherein the number of beneficiaries is more than one hundred, it becomes tedious for the same beneficiary committee members to be available as witness for each purchase process. Hence, to facilitate operational convenience, an additional Beneficiary Committee can be formed so as to act as the in-house vigilance committee to oversee the purchase process. The selection

procedure for the additional Beneficiary Committee will be the same as for the original Beneficiary Committee.

- 9.6 If the beneficiary is not in a position to travel to the neighboring shandy, she shall nominate an adult family member (who should be a resident of the Village Panchayat), or another resident of that Village Panchayat to undertake purchase of the Goats/Sheep on her behalf. The person nominated can also be another beneficiary itself. The nominations can be considered only in rare instances like orthopedic handicap, pregnant ladies, ladies with school going children etc. This is to ensure that the actual beneficiary has a sense of responsibility and ownership of the asset besides providing her with the opportunity to choose the animal that she wishes to rear on her own. This decision has to be taken by the Village Level Committee when the beneficiaries travel to the shandies for procuring the animals.
- 9.7 The beneficiary, or her representative (in rare instances), will go along with the person incharge of VD concerned and the Divisional level Officer/person incharge of VH to personally identify the Goats/Sheep in the shandy.
- 9.8 The beneficiaries (or their representatives) will select Goats/Sheep as per the stipulation and themselves fix the price with seller through negotiations.
- 9.9 After the beneficiaries select the Goats/Sheep for the purchase, the Divisional level Officer/person incharge of VH and person incharge of VD concerned will examine the Goats/Sheep to ensure their good health and the conformity to the norms. The Goats/Sheep shall be about six to eight months of age.
- 9.10 The Insurance tie up for the animals will be done by the person incharge of VD concerned at the procurement spot itself and also the premium must be paid in advance by Cash /Cheque in order to cover any eventualities during transportation also. The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services should take necessary steps to have a tie up with Insurance

Companies as per the norms. Necessary tagging of the Goats/Sheep should be done with a unique Code Number in the left ear.

- 9.11 A photograph will be arranged by the Divisional level Officer/person in charge of VH and the person in charge of VD to be taken on the spot of purchase showing the 4 Goats/Sheep purchased, the Beneficiary (or her representative), any two members of the earmarked Beneficiary Committee, and the Seller. The Identification Tags bearing the unique number have to be prominently seen in the Photograph.
- 9.12 A Suitable Undertaking should be obtained from the beneficiary that she will not sell the Goats / Sheep distributed by the Government for a minimum period of two years. This Undertaking should also be countersigned by the members of the Beneficiary Committee, who should ensure that the undertaking is followed in letter and spirit by the beneficiaries.
- 9.13 After completion of these formalities, the Divisional level Officer/person in charge of VH and person in charge of VD will ensure payment to the seller through cheque / cash in the presence of the beneficiary. The detailed address of the Seller must be obtained by the Divisional level Officer/person in charge of VH and person in charge of VD and documented for the purpose of verification in future, if needed. The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services should also ensure necessary tie up with the banks concerned so as to facilitate drawl of cash intended for settlement for sellers if procurement is planned in the neighboring shandy.
- 9.14 The price of a goat /sheep of about 6 to 8 months of age is currently ranging around Rs. 2,500 per animal. When the beneficiary procures the Goats / Sheep, she will also need money initially to put up a shed, as well as to procure the nutrients for maintenance of the animals. However, it has been decided to earmark lumpsum amount of Rs. 2,500 for a Goat/Sheep and another Rs. 500 as the seed money for construction of shed / procurement of nutrients per animal- thus totaling to Rs. 3,000

per Goat/Sheep. However in instances when the beneficiaries wish to procure Goats / Sheep that are up to one year of age, she may do so without incurring additional expenditure to the Government. The extra funds required for procuring such animals must be met by the beneficiary only. Insurance will be done for actual cost of the animal not exceeding the maximum price earmarked for procurement of the Goat / Sheep. Even if the beneficiaries procure the animals for amount of less than Rs.2,500, the Divisional level officer/ person in charge of the Veterinary Hospital and the person in charge of the VD will pay the actual amount to the seller in cash and the balance amount to the beneficiary (Rs. 2,500 minus the amount paid to the seller + Rs.500 seed money per animal) through Electronic Clearing System(ECS) after the animals are brought to the Village. *In case, the cost of the each Goat/Sheep is more than Rs. 2,500, the beneficiary will bear the amount over and above Rs. 2,500.* This system of earmarking a fixed amount for each Goat/Sheep will negate any future complaints of manipulation of pricing in individual cases, and ensure transparency in the entire procurement process.

- 9.15 The Divisional level Officer/person incharge of VH and person incharge of VD and the Beneficiary Committee have to ensure that the beneficiaries make arrangements for the joint transportation of the Goats / Sheep to their Village in a safe and secured manner. A lumpsum amount of Rs.150 per beneficiary will be paid for the transportation of 4 Goats/Sheep to the Village at the shandy itself in cash. This amount will also be eligible for the cases where the breeders of Goats/Sheep make the Village level delivery of animals since the breeders are also likely to charge the transportation from the beneficiaries in that case.

9.16 Transportation of animals must comply with the provisions of "Transportation of Animals Rules, 1978" under the "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960."

9.17 After the Goats/Sheep are brought to the Village, the photograph of the Goats/Sheep bearing the same Tag number as in the shandy during purchase, should be taken along with the beneficiary, any two members of the earmarked Beneficiary Committee and the Livestock Inspector concerned of the area in front of her house in the Village. After this, the Divisional level Officer and the person incharge of VD will give (i) the seed money of Rs 500 per animal and balance of the cost of the animals (out of total earmarked amount of Rs. 2,500 per animal, if any).

10. Post - purchase follow up by the Department:

10.1 The post purchase follow up and health camps will be conducted in each beneficiary village on the last Saturday of every month. The person incharge of VD concerned will issue health cards to the beneficiaries. The post purchase visits by the VAS and LI concerned will be done once in a month till the completion of one year from the date of purchase of the units and will be done once in three months after completion of one year till the expiry of the agreement period. During their visit i) vaccination, ii) deworming iii) ensuring availability of animals iv) verification of kids born and v) entry in the health card etc., will be carried out.

10.2 The District Collectors must conduct a meeting every week with the Regional Joint Director of Animal Husbandry concerned, Divisional level Officer of Animal Husbandry and review the progress of the Scheme on the following points.

- (i) Achievement of target for purchase of animals.
- (ii) Post Purchase inspection (format of inspections of Incharge of VD / LI which was already prescribed by the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services).
- (iii) On completion of two years from the date of purchase, all the animals must

be detagged. The Divisional level Officer and person incharge of VD must ensure that all the animals that have completed two years of purchase must be de-tagged.

(iv) Number of cases for which claims for insurance amount for the animals that have died and also the status of repurchase of animals after claiming the insurance amount.

(v) Number of kids / lambs born to Goats / Sheep distributed so far.

10.3 The male goats are permitted to be sold after completion of one year of procurement. The Divisional level Officer and person incharge of VD must ensure that such male goats are detagged before disposal. They must also ensure that the beneficiary replaces the male with either male or female goat that are of 6 to 8 months of age.

10.4 In the event of death of the beneficiary within the agreement period, the goats / sheep shall be maintained under the custodianship of the women legal heir. In case, if the legal heir is not a women then the Goats / Sheep shall be handed over to a male member, necessary approval shall be obtained from the District Collector in this regard.

10.5 The Principal Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (AH2) Department may, in consultation with Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, change any of the above guidelines based on the exigencies that will arise then and there.

K.GOPAL,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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