

Additional Chief Secretary to Govt (AHDF&FW)

addressed for 21st Livestock Census Regional Training

It is my honour to address this gathering today as we embark on a significant task conducting the livestock census. This initiative is crucial, not just for the betterment of our agricultural & allied sector, but for the overall economic health and sustainability of our farming communities.

The livestock census provides us with essential data that aids in policy-making, resource allocation, and development planning. It helps us understand the current status of livestock, identify trends, foresee challenges and arrive at multi sectoral response. By doing so, we can develop strategies to improve productivity, enhance animal health, ensure food security and also prepare for climate change scenario in future.

Our collective efforts in this census will lay the groundwork for more informed decisions, which in turn will benefit farmers, enhance trade, developing a supply chain and contribute to our country's growth. Accurate data collection is paramount, and it is through our diligence and dedication that we can achieve comprehensive and reliable results.

In Tamil Nadu the actual enumeration work will be carried out by involving around 6700 Enumerators, 1500 Supervisors and 38 District nodal officers. The Enumeration work will be carried out in field from September 2024 to December 2024.

Also the enumeration work will be strictly monitored at several levels for collection of exact data without any errors.

From this year 2024 onwards, pastoral community related data also will be captured along with livestock census.

I am sure, Today's training will be focused on census related best practices for data collection, the use of modern tools and technologies and the importance of precision and accuracy in our work. As leaders and trainers, your role is pivotal in ensuring that our census is carried out with the utmost accuracy, efficiency and

integrity as we will be aiming for traceability concepts to ensure quality at various levels. Your responsibility is to equip your supervisors and enumerators with the knowledge, skills and motivation they need to perform their tasks effectively. This training session is designed to empower you to be the best trainers possible.

Thank you for your commitment and participation. Let us move forward with determination and pride in this important endeavour.

Thank you.

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