

Press Release

Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Tamil Nadu met the Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying on 22.01.2021 seeking financial assistance from Government of India for Rs.1,254.22 crore for improving disease control measures, breeding support, infrastructure development, establishment of biosecurity laboratories, feed and fodder management under the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and Rs.209.64 crore for conservation of indigenous dog breeds, better utilization of fodder and infrastructure development under Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.

The Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, GoTN, the Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, GoTN and the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services met the Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying requesting additional financial allocation for the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.

The Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry highlighted the initiatives undertaken by the Animal Husbandry Department, GoTN for improving the farmers' economy.

Explaining in detail the measures initiated for control of endemic livestock diseases in Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry requested sanction of Rs.3.47 crore as Central share for implementing the various schemes under the Centrally Sponsored Livestock Health and Disease Control Program. The Hon'ble Minister of

Animal Husbandry, GoTN stressed the need for establishing a new BSL-3+ Lab to improve the export potential of poultry in the State and requested sanction of Rs.103.45 crore by Gol. Further, for uninterrupted supply of FMD vaccine to control FMD in the State, Central Government was requested financial assistance to establish a new FMD vaccine production laboratory at Institute of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Ranipet at a total cost of Rs.146.19 crore.

The Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, GoTN explained the various activities under taken by the State under bovine breeding. The Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, GoTN explained the various programs for improving the genetic merit of the cattle / buffaloes and sought Rs.64.54 crore for the ongoing as well as additional schemes under Rashtriya Gokul Mission. Further, to improve the general and reproductive health of livestock in the State Rs.69.92 crore was requested for establishing a mineral mixture plant and to strengthen Frozen Semen Production Station under Animal Husbandry Department Rs.87.33 crore was requested from Gol. In addition, to ensure availability of balanced feed to improve the animal productivity Central Government assistance for establishing a new Total Mixed Ration plant for Rs.2.54 crore was requested.

The Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, GoTN highlighted the need for infrastructure facilities and sought funds for Rs.311.31 crore towards construction of new veterinary institutions, creation of additional infrastructure facilities and construction of community cattle shelters. Further, to improve the diagnostic facilities in veterinary institutions Rs.22.94 crore and for establishing regional warehouse facilities for storing veterinary drugs Rs.63.65 crore was requested as assistance from Gol.

To meet the native poultry chicken meat demand in the State, the Hon'ble Minister of Animal Husbandry, GoTN requested Rs.102.76 crore for establishing a Modern Native Poultry Breeding Farm along with feed mill, hatchery and slaughter house. The Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, GoTN requested additional fund of Rs.185.71 crore for the Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences and Rs.90.09 crore for the Establishment of block wise Mobile Veterinary Units to provide veterinary services to the farmers at remote places as assistance from Gol.

The Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, GoTN explained the various initiatives under taken by the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and sought Rs.209.64 crore as assistance from Gol for conservation of indigenous dog breeds, better utilization of fodder, buffalo breeding, infrastructure development and improving market information system for the university.

The Memorandum covering all the above aspects to release Rs.1,463.86 crore was submitted to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying by the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, GoTN for Tamil Nadu, so as to improve the livelihoods of the livestock farmers and thus improve the State's economy. The Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, GoTN and the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services were present.

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