



Special Livestock Sector Package

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Why in News

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved implementation of a special livestock sector package.

Key Points

- **About the Package:**
 - **Aim:** To boost growth in the livestock sector and thereby making **animal husbandry** more remunerative to 10 crore farmers engaged in Animal Husbandry Sector.
 - **Total Amount:** The **Central government will spend Rs. 9,800 crore** on livestock development over the next five years in a bid to **leverage almost Rs. 55,000 crore of outside investment into the sector.**
 - It includes the **share of investments by State Governments, State Cooperatives, Financial institutions, External funding agencies** and other stakeholders.

- **Merger of Schemes:**

- The package has been designed by **revising and realigning various components** of the Department of **Animal Husbandry & Dairying' Schemes** for the next five years, starting 2021-22.
- All the schemes of the Department will be merged into **three broad categories as:**

- **Development Programmes:** It includes **Rashtriya Gokul Mission**, National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), National Livestock Mission (NLM) and **Livestock Census and Integrated Sample Survey (LC & ISS)** as sub-schemes.
- **Disease Control Programme:** It is **renamed as Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC)** which includes the present Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) scheme and **National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP)**.
- **Infrastructure Development Fund:** The **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development fund (AHIDF)** and the **Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF)** are merged and the present scheme for support to **Dairy Cooperatives** and **Farmer Producer Organizations** engaged in Dairy activities is also included in this third category.

- **Impact:**

- The **Rashtriya Gokul Mission** will help in development and **conservation of indigenous breeds** and would also contribute in improving the **economic condition of the rural poor**.
- The **National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)** scheme is targeted towards installation of about 8900 bulk milk coolers, thus providing benefit to more than 8 lakh milk producers and 20 LLPD (Lakh Litres Per Day) milk will be additionally procured.

Under NPDD, financial assistance from **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** will be available thus strengthening and creating fresh infrastructure in 4500 villages.

- **Animal Husbandry in India:**

- A large number of farmers depend upon animal husbandry for their livelihood. It supports the livelihood of almost 55% of the rural population.
- As per the **Economic Survey-2021**, the contribution of Livestock in total agriculture and allied sector **Gross Value Added** (at Constant Prices) has increased from 24.32% (2014-15) to 28.63% (2018-19).
- India is the highest livestock owner of the world.

As per the **20th Livestock Census**, the total Livestock population is 535.78 million in the country showing an increase of 4.6% over Livestock Census-2012.

National Livestock Mission (NLM)

- NIM was launched in the 2014-15 financial year and seeks to ensure quantitative and qualitative improvement in livestock production systems and capacity building of all stakeholders.
- The scheme is being implemented as a sub scheme of **White Revolution - Rashtriya Pashudhan Vikas Yojana** from April 2019.
- The mission is organised into the following four Sub - Missions:
 - Sub -Mission on Livestock Development.
 - Sub - Mission on Pig Development in North-Eastern Region.
 - Sub - Mission on Feed and Fodder Development.
 - Sub -Mission on Skill Development, Technology Transfer and Extension.

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