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Preamble

Whereas, Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries activities, along continue to play a significant role in generating gainful employment in the rural sector, particularly among the landless, small and marginal farmers and women, besides providing nutrition and food security to the country.

And, Livestock forms an important livelihood activity, supplementing incomes, offering employment opportunities, and finally being a dependable "bank on hooves" in times of need with the value of output from livestock sector at constant prices is about 27.8% of the value of output from agriculture and allied sector;

Further that the Country has vast potential for dairy, fisheries and livestock development especially in rural areas including building infrastructure, providing employment, product value addition, etc and the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India, (DADF) has been providing assistance through both central sector schemes and centrally sponsored schemes to the State Governments for sustainable development and enhancement of production and profitability of livestock and fisheries enterprises.

Notwithstanding, there is need for more financial resources so as to meet the objectives of increasing investment in the livestock sector for increasing production and productivity including value addition so as to enable higher farmers income even while creating self-employment opportunities

Towards this end the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India (MoPR) has been relentlessly been working for rural upliftment through various programmes. The Ministry's vision is to attain decentralization and participatory local self-government through Panchayat or Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The Ministry's mission is empowerment, enablement and accountability of PRIs to ensure inclusive development with social justice and efficient delivery of services. The mandate of the Ministry includes all matters relating to Panchayati Raj and Panchayati Raj Institutions and District Planning Committee.

While, these programmes have, over the years, resulted in highly successful outcomes pertaining to employment generation, increased outreach to poor and marginalized groups like SC/ST, Women, strengthening of natural resource based including for ponds, tanks, water conservation, rural connectivity and land development and these have resulted in some assured income all year round, reduction in poverty, distress mitigation, etc

It is hereby recognised, there is need for dovetailing and synergizing efforts of the DADF and the MoPR especially in the context of common objective of helping the farmers double their income through the livestock sector,

### **Areas of cooperation**

Hence, it is hereby agreed that DADF and MoPR would mutually work together in synergizing various schemes of both the departments to achieve the common goal of doubling farmers income through the synergy of efforts in various sub-sectors, such as

- I. Fisheries: synergy in schemes such as Blue Revolution and Panchayat owned pond development both community for the purpose of fish hatchery, fish seed and fingerling rearing, including increase in productivity of various water bodies as found in lakes, reservoirs, brackish water, wet lands etc.
- II. In case of dairy sector synergy in dairy development with the respect of providing employment through milch animals to poor landless farmers, widows and other unsupported sections of the rural population including unemployed youth, etc through such schemes as Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme, Rashtriya Gokul Mission and concerned initiatives of MoPR
- III. The small ruminants and poultry form the mainstay of the poorest of the poor in the rural economy and is addressed through the National Livestock Mission program of the DADF. The segment provides immense areas of cooperation in productivity enhancement, micro level infrastructure development at village household level etc by dovetailing with MoPR schemes, etc.
- IV. Joint activities for fodder development especially in acidic and arid lands and areas of fodder shortage through community owned land.

Needless to say there are many areas of cooperation involving village level infrastructure development for farmers and village based occupation which together would lay the foundation for greater benefit of the farmer along with higher value realisation of the budgetary spend by the Government both at the Central and the State level.

### **Implementation Methodology**

Both the Departments would form a Joint National Level Steering Committee (JNLSC) of the Secretaries which would be supported by a Joint implementation Task Force (JITF) for ground level project conception, formulation, finalization and implementation including monitoring and review.

Similar State Coordination and Synergy Committees (SCC), would be established at the state level and district level (DCC) to ensure that the projects are made as per local requirements and are dovetailed with the National level schemes in a seamless manner.

Accordingly, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is hereby signed between Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, both in the Government of India for joint synergistic work of both towards the common goal of enhancing rural prosperity and the most efficacious use of natural resources with best value for money.



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