

## **Special Calf Rearing Scheme**

### **Objective:-**

To assist the farmers to rear their cross-bred cows into healthy heifers within the prescribed time.

### **Guidelines of the scheme:**

- The farmer must register the birth of the cross-bred calf within 1 to 15 days of its birth, so that proper birth weight is recorded along with details of a) Mother cow b) A.I. etc as recorded on the registration form c) Veterinary Officer or inseminator who has performed the A.I. The registration will be made primarily by local Key Village Sub Centre and then passed on to the office of Area Veterinary Officer/Assistant Director of the Taluka.
- As the calf is fed on colostrums and then milk the case paper of the calf will be prepared for feeding the calf on concentrates starting after completion of 3 months of age. At 3 months the calf should weigh at least 60 kg.
- The farmers will be entitled to get 4 installments of feed on quarterly basis (i) 1st quarter at 3-6 (ii) 2nd quarter at 6-9 months, (iii) 3rd quarter 9-12 months, (iv) 4th quarter 12-15 months. Each farmer family will be entitled to avail benefit of 10 calves only. Hence a household will be able to have 10 good quality cows to sustain his dairy farm at the end of the scheme.
- All calves will be identified by microchipping at the time of registration beside natural identification marks.
- The calves should attain weight gain of at least 40 kgs during every three months interval after registration for feed so as to be considered for the next feed quarter. In case there is weight gain less than 40 kgs, but above 25 kgs, a certificate may be issued by the area Veterinary Officer who may cite valid reasons for a lower weight gain. In such cases, further quarter of feed will either be released or else discontinued at the discretion of the Department.
- 100 kgs of feed will be supplied to farmer per quarter (3 months) and feed will be supplied either to farmers at their door step or to the nearest Key Village Sub Centre/Dairy Society as the case may be after due intimation to the farmers in advance by the area Veterinary Officer/Assistant Director.
- The Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services will be the Authority to sanction the feed quarters.
- The Director Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services or any other Officer appointed by Director will be the final Authority to sanction the feed quarters and convey the sanction to the Assistant Director, Key Village Scheme and concerned Veterinary Officer/Assistant Director besides the farmer /beneficiary.
- The farmer at the time of registration of the Calf has to produce a certificate giving details of Sire of which semen was used for A.I from the concerned Veterinary Doctor or the respective authority, if A.I. is done by any other Agency. (Other Official/Officials other than the Officer/Officials of Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.)

- The Farmer has to produce a Xerox copy of ration card at the time of registration of the calf which will be attached to the application by the concerned Officer of the Department, while forwarding for approval to the Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services. The concerned Taluka Officer implementing the Scheme should bear in mind that proper time is very important for the success of the scheme and therefore ensure that all applications received from the farmers or processed by field staff for supply of feed is completed in every respect and sent to the Director Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, not later than one week of its receipt, including the recommendation for feed quarter. The Officer concerned shall be held totally responsible for any lapse or delay or incomplete application. The Area Officer should also verify the calves born from the A.I. register and corresponding cases should be made for the scheme by encouraging farmer.