"REVISED SCHEME FOR INCENTIVES TO MILK PRODUCERS"

Introduction: -

The Government of Goa has an ambitious plan to develop the Dairy sector and to make Goa self sufficient in milk production in the near future. Dairy has a major role to play since milk has become an essential item of diet and with the increase of human population there is an increasing need for milk and milk products. Milk is a nutritious food that can also be converted into several Dairy products. Keeping this in view the Government has implemented a Scheme where in incentives are given based on milk produced so as to popularize Dairy Farming.

This Scheme is now further revised to accommodate growing demand of the farmers.

Objectives:-

(1) The scheme is prepared with the objective to encourage farmers to go in for Dairy business and make it more lucrative which will help to increase the local milk production.

(2) To encourage youth to take up Dairy as a Business.

(3) To make State self sufficient in Milk Production.

Eligibility:-

(1) The Scheme applies to farmers from Goa who are members of the Dairy Co-operative Societies/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group registered with the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services".

Note:- For the purpose of this Scheme, "Bachat Gat" means a group of two or more farmers registered or not registered who have come together with the common intention for taking benefits under the Scheme, with the intention for meeting objectives of the Scheme, subject to their registration with Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Panaji – Goa.

(2) Dairy farmer has to register his Dairy Farm with the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services through the respective Veterinary Dispensary/ Hospital and give details of number of animals, state of lactation of each animal, milk yield, date of calving, address of cowshed where located etc.

(3) The Incentives shall apply to the milk supplied by the members, to the Dairy Co-operative Society/Bachat Gat**/Self Help Group, as** notified for the scheme by the Government from time to time.

(4) Farmer should be a bonafide resident of Goa for at least preceding 5 years, own cattle shed with milch animals in the State of Goa, registered with Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and having membership with a Dairy Co-operative Society/ Bachat Gat/Self Help Group in the State of Goa and produce his own milk. Milk should be produced at the beneficiary's Dairy Farm and not by procuring milk from others then pouring to Dairy Co-operative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group in his name.

(5) Any farmer intending to avail benefit under the scheme will have to produce evidence of his membership to a registered Dairy Co-operative Society/ Bachat Gat/Self Help Group as may be required by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.

Procedure:-

(1) Composite subsidy @ 40% (incentive on milk @ 32.28% & cattle feed @ 7.72%) on the proceeds of milk supplied to the Dairy Co-operative Society/ Bachat Gat/Self Help Group as notified by the Government from time to time and shall be paid on monthly basis.

(2) Every registered Dairy co-operative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group shall maintain a complete list of its members and allot a unique membership number to each farmer. The list shall be submitted to the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services at the beginning of the scheme and any addition or deletion from the list of membership shall be reported to the Department forthwith.

(3) The beneficiary shall open a Bank account in any Bank having a core banking system/Electronic Clearing System (ECS).

(4) The Dairy co-operative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group will submite to the area Veterinary Officer/ Assistant Director in triplicate, a monthly consolidated report (Soft copy and hard copy), showing the total quantity of milk supplied by each farmers to the Dairy co-operative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group, as notified for the scheme by the Government from time to time and the amount of payment received by him for the month along with the Bank accounts number with branch name and MICR code of the beneficiary having Core Banking System/Electronic Clearing System (ECS). All such reports must reach the area Veterinary Officer/Assistant Director duly signed by the Secretary and Chairman of the Dairy co-operative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group, verified and certified by Supervisor of the Dairy co-operative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group latest by 8th day of the month subsequent which it pertains.

(5) The Area Veterinary Officer/ Assistant Director shall certify the statement received from the Dairy Co-operative society/ Bachat Gat/Self Help Group after verifying with registers maintained by them. And fortnightly bill payment statements issued by them.

(6) The local Area Veterinary Officer/ Assistant Director shall forward the certified statement to the authorised agency for preparation of bill by 15th day of the month. The authorised agency shall submit the prepared bills to the local Area Veterinary Officer/ Assistant Director by 22nd day of the month. On receipt of bill from the agency the local Area Veterinary Officer/ Assistant Director shall verify & certify the same and forward it along with copy of the certified statement to the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services by 25th day of the month for effecting payment. On receipt of certified bill from the Area Officer, payment of composite subsidy @ 40% (incentive on milk @ 32.28% & cattle feed @

7.72%) shall be effected through the bank account of the beneficiary through ECS.

(7) The quantity of milk supplied to the Dairy Co-operative Society/ Bachat Gat/Self Help Group & the number of milch animals reared by the farmers will be checked by the departmental area officer in addition to the supervisor/Officials from concerned organization.

In case there is any fraud or malpractice in the above, the Department shall stop forthwith the composite subsidy (incentive on milk & feed) and the benefit of all the schemes will be withdrawn. In this matter the decision of the Director will be final and binding on the party.

(8) The scheme is linked to cattle feed subsidy scheme.

(9) It shall be mandatory to produce UID card for obtaining benefit under the scheme.

(10) The applicants should mandatorily registered with the Agricultural Department, as an Agriculturist under the Agricultural Database.

(11) This Scheme shall come in force with immediate effect.

Supervising Authority:-

(1) Officials of the Department may visit randomly any Dairy Co-operative Society/ Bachat Gat/Self Help Group to assess/inspect the procedure of collection of milk record keeping. The Chairman/ Secretary of the Dairy Co-operative society/ Bachat Gat/Self Help Group must co-operate and produce the records on demand.

(2) Any of the terms and conditions above may be relaxed with prior approval of the Government.

Registration Form under Revised Scheme for Incentives to Milk Producers

1) Name of the Farmer……

2) Address
   a) House No ……
   b) Village/ Ward ……
   c) Taluka ……

d) District ……

e) Constituency……

f) Telephone No/Mobile No ……

g) General/S.C/S.T ……

3) Name of the farm: ……

4) Number of Milch animals a) Buffalo……

b) Cattle ……

5) Average Milk yield/ per animal/day……

6) Name of the Dairy Co-operative Society/ Bachat Gat/Self Help Group where milk is poured:……. …….

Date:- Signature of Farmer

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Remark of local Veterinary Officer/Assistant Director……

Date:- Signature Designation
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