

Scheme of Purchase of milch Animals under Western Ghat Development Programme

Introduction:

Cattle wealth is an important part of our national economy. The country has achieved significant progress in Dairying. Milk Production has increased manifold, which has in turn contributed to the wealth and health of the people. Milk & milk products are an important and unavoidable part of our day-to-day life. They are our protein food.

Our State is not yet self sufficient in milk production and we depend on our neighboring States of Maharashtra & Karnataka for our daily milk requirement. Serious efforts are therefore needed for further improvement in Dairy Development. This will create additional employment opportunities as well.

Objectives of the Scheme:

- To help the farmers of Western Ghat area to get financial assistance for the purchase of crossbred cows and improved breed she buffaloes.
- To promote self employment in dairy sector.
- To increase the milk production in the State.
- To strengthen the Dairy Co-operative movement in the State.
- To provide improved income and livelihood.

- Eligibility:
- Any person residing in Western Ghat Area i.e. Canacona, Sattari and Sanguem Talukas.
- Knowledge or experience in Dairying desirable.
- Applicant should have a cattle shed and land for green fodder cultivation.

Documents required to be submitted:

- Ration card Xerox copy.
- Passport size photograph of the applicant.
- Land ownership document/NOC from landlord/Affidavit.
- Caste Certificate incase of SC & ST applicant.

Detail Guidelines of the Scheme:

1. The beneficiary can buy a maximum of 5 crossbred cows or improved breed she buffaloes in 2 or 3 phases.
2. Incase of General Category beneficiary the subsidy will be paid @ 50% of the cost per animal, subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per

- animal for SC & ST beneficiaries an extra subsidy will be paid of @ Rs. 2000/- per animal.
3. The farmer/Bank has to insure the animal immediately after purchase of the animal. The cost of insurance is to be borne by the beneficiary/bank initially and the Department will reimburse an incentive towards the insurance amount subject to a maximum of Rs. 2000/- per animal after the purchase documents and insurance receipt/certificate is submitted to this Department.
 4. All the milch animals under the scheme are to be purchased from outside the State.
 5. On purchase of animals, the financing institutions has to submit the purchase documents comprising of purchase statement, purchase receipt, transport receipt, insurance receipt/certificate and Agreement Bond of Rs.20/-stamp paper duly notarized, Veterinary Health Certificate to the Directorate of A.H. & V.S., Patto, Panaji-Goa within 1 month of purchase of the milch animals.
 6. Identification of animals purchased is to be done by microchipping of the animals.
 7. The officer permitted to go for purchase of animal should ensure that the details of the animals purchased with their microchip numbers are submitted to H.O. by fax on fax number 0832-2437244 within 24 hours after effecting the purchase.
 8. It shall be sole responsibility of the beneficiary/bank to insure the animals and submit insurance documents and the other purchase documents within 1 month of purchase for release of subsidy and incentive towards the Insurance from this Department.
 9. Animals purchased under the scheme should be insured for a minimum period of 3 ½ years under comprehensive Insurance Policy.
 10. The animals purchased under the scheme cannot be disposed off for a minimum period of 3 ½ years. In case of default Government shall recover the entire subsidy amount paid to the beneficiary as arrears of land Revenue code.
 11. In case of death of the animal within 8 months of purchase the subsidy amount advanced to the Bank shall be refunded in full back to the Department except in such cases where the Director of A.H. & V.S.

feels fully justified that the claim deemed fit to be considered for relaxation of the above condition.

Procedure for Application

1. The farmers interested in availing of the scheme have to apply in prescribed application form through Area Assistant Director/Veterinary Officer.
2. A non-refundable processing fee of Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred Only) shall be collected at the time of accepting the application at the Government Veterinary Dispensary/Hospital.
3. On processing the case, the area Assistant Director/Veterinary Officer shall submit the application in duplicate to H.O. within 15 days of its receipt.

Documents required for the release of subsidy and incentives towards Insurance

1. Purchase statement duly signed, certified and stamped by the Area Veterinary Officer/Assistant Director and official of the financial institution, and signed by the beneficiary.
2. Purchase and transport receipt duly signed and stamped by area officer and official of the financial Institution.
3. Insurance Document.
4. Notarized Agreement Bond on Rs.20/- stamp paper