DO No. K-11062/08/2016/NRLM(Livelihoods)

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of overall development of the target community in rural area, the Department of Rural Development, GoI, has signed MoU with Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India for initiating convergence in the sector of:

1. Fisheries where the aim is to develop synergy between blue revolution and MNREGS for pond development both for community and individuals.
2. Dairy where the aim is to bring about synergy in dairy development with respect to providing employment through milch animals to vulnerable section of the rural population including unemployed youth through schemes such as DEDS, RGM, NLM, NRLM and SAGY.
3. Under National Livestock Mission of DADF, the scope of cooperation lies in productive enhancement, micro level infrastructure development at village level for small ruminants and poultry by converging them with NRLM.
4. Joint skill development with schemes of DDU-GKY and related skill development and extension work of DADF.
5. Joint initiative for fodder development especially in acidic and arid lands and areas of fodder shortage through NLM and NREGS synergy.

In this regard, initiative may please be taken for initiating convergence at state level and below as per the MoU directive.

NB: MoU enclosed

With regards

Yours sincerely,

(Atal Dulloo)

To:
ALL State SMD/CEOs to SRLMs
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES AND DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Preamble

Whereas, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and 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 agricultural 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 (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 Department of Rural Development (DRD) has been relentlessly been working for rural upliftment through various programmes such as MNREGS, PMGSY, SAGY, NRLM, DDU-GKY, IAY, NSAP, SPMRM, Watershed Development Programme, Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme, etc.;

While, these programmes have, over the years, resulted in highly successful outcomes pertaining to employment generation, increased outreach to poor and marginalised 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 DRD 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 DRD 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 for example -

i. In the case of fisheries, synergy in schemes such as Blue Revolution and MNREGS for pond development both community as well as individual owned 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 the case of dairy sector, synergy in dairy development with respect to providing employment through milk animals to poor landless farmers, widows and other unsupported sections of the rural population including unemployed youth, etc. through such schemes as DEDS, RGM and NRLM, SAGY etc

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. This segment provides immense areas of cooperation in productivity enhancement, micro level infrastructure development at village household level etc by dovetailing with NRLM, etc.

iv. In the case of joint skill development and capacity building through synergy with schemes such as DDU-GKY and related schemes of skill development and extension work of DADF

v. Joint initiatives for fodder development especially in acidic and arid lands and areas of fodder shortage through NLM and NREGS synergy

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, implementation including monitoring and review.

Similar State Coordination and Synergy Committees (SCSC), would be established at the state level and district level (DCSC) 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 Department of Rural Development, both in the Government of India for joint synergistic work of both the Departments 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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