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**Report on the Demands for the Grant Nos. 52 & 53
for the year 2024-2025**

DEPARTMENT : VETERINARY & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

TWENTY SIXTH REPORT

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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **TWENTY SIXTH REPORT** on Demands for **Grant Nos. 52 & 53** of the **Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department** for the financial year, **2024-25**.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1) (a) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the **Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department** on **16th February, 2024**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and approved by the Committee in its meeting held on **19th February, 2024**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration and also thanks to officials of Finance and Transformation & Development Departments for their kind co-operation..
6. The Committee would also like to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered to them by the Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

Dispur :
Dated 19th February, 2024

Shri Bhabendra Nath Bharali,
Chairman,
Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (B) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

REPORT

CHAPTER - I

Grant No. - 52

- 1.1** Animal Husbandry is potentially one of the most important sectors of rapid socio-economic development of the country. Rapid growth in this sector is essential to achieve higher productivity levels in livestock production as well as increase in rural household economy.

Among the primary objectives of the Department is to build a strong rural economy by encouraging scientific rearing of livestock and the control and prevention of infectious disease in livestock and poultry. Thus, the State aims to achieve self-sufficiency in milk, meat and egg production as well as to create profitable employment opportunities for unemployed youth and the underprivileged of the State.

The per capita availability and consumption rates of animal protein by the people is needed to be boosted up through successful implementation of different schemes.

Considering the above facts, the Department embarks upon a renewed strategic shift in its functioning style and delivery of veterinary services. This renewed strategic shift and functioning style is designed to improve the productivity of indigenous cattle and pig population through upgradation with superior germplasm. This shift also emphasizes upon imparting training on livestock management, skill upgradation, building/rejuvenation of infrastructure, technical guidance, use of Departmental infrastructure, functioning of demonstration farms of the Department, backward and forward linkage and creation marketing avenues.

To carry forward the above activities, the Department has five mandates, namely 1) Disease treatment, prevention and control 2) Breed up-gradation 3) Skill Development and training 4) Infrastructure Development and 5) CrediSt linkage for economic upliftment. These mandates are supported by 11 Strategy Papers and 4 Policies. The policies are 1) Goat breeding policy 3) Pig breeding policy and 4) Private Investment Promotion Policy.

THRUST AREAS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

1. Cattle Development for self sufficiency in milk production.
2. Poultry, Goat & Piggery Development for self sufficiency in Egg and Meat production.
3. Self employment Generation and Livelihood support through livestock and poultry activities.

1.2 Vision:

The main vision of the Department is - Sustainable growth and increased productivity of livestock and poultry (milk, meat and egg) for enhancing living standards of living of farmers and ensuring nutritional security and economic prosperity.

1.3 Mission:

1. Disease treatment, prevention and control.
2. Breed up-gradation.
3. Skill Development & Training.
4. Infrastructure Development.
5. Credit linkage for economic upliftment.

Some of the key priorities of the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department:

- 1) Prioritizing the need for increasing livestock production in a sustainable manner.
- 2) Doubling farm income in line with the vision of the State.
- 3) Ensuring food security through promoting locally sourced meat, fish and other animal bi-products.
- 4) Improving the quality of nutrition in the State by ensuring access to nutritious food especially in high poverty pockets and low-income families (targeting areas with high maternal / infant deaths, anaemia and other low health indicators).
- 5) Mitigating risks to climate change by reducing green house gases emitted by livestock sector.
- 6) Using our natural resources efficiently for rearing and livestock production.
- 7) Improved veterinary services.
- 8) Increased training, linkages to value chain and capacity building of farmers, animal rearers on updated techniques, use of organic / bio pesticides for improved health, financial management and small scale loans, efficient use of land and resources.

1.4 Objectives:

1. To cover all breedable livestock population through artificial insemination (AI).
2. To facilitate poultry farmers/ rearers in inducting genetically improved varieties of poultry for increased production capacity.
3. To provide health care facilities even upto the door steps of Farmers for prevention and control of animal diseases.
4. To produce requisite quantity of feed and fodder.
5. To Build capacity of farmers in management of livestock and poultry.
6. To create adequate collection, processing and marketing infrastructure.
7. To make producers and consumers aware of the benefits of clean and hygienic animal products.
8. To make available insurance and credit facilities to support livestock and poultry activities.
9. To build capacity of Veterinary professionals for providing better extension facilities to the farmers.
10. Improving internal efficiency/responsiveness/service delivery of the Department.
11. Ensuring compliance to financial accountability frame work.

1.5 Functions:

The Department is responsible for all matters relating to improved livestock, poultry including availability and better management of extension services like Veterinary Hospitals, Dispensaries, Sub-Centre, livestock processing infrastructure, Departmental farms, Semen production centres, Training Institutes, Vaccine Production Centre, Disease Diagnostics Laboratories etc.

Some Key Points :

- i. Policies.
- ii. Strategy Paper.
- iii. Standard Operational Procedure (SOP).
- iv. UNDP as Development Partner.

ORGANIZATIONAL SET UP OF THE DEPARTMENT

In broad terms, the Departmental set up is divided into the following three leaves:

- 1) The Secretariat.
- 2) The Directorate.
- 3) The District Level and Other Field Offices.

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department has its three wings.

Wings are namely :-

1. Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary.
2. Assam Livestock Development Agency (ALDA).
3. Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation (ALPCO) Ltd.

ON-GOING SCHEMES UNDER CSS:

- I) Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) Programme.
- II) Rastriya Gukul Mission.
- III) Livestock census and Integrated Sample Survey (ISS).
- IV) National Livestock Mission (NLM).

OTHER SCHEMES :

1. Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY).
2. Assam Milk, Meat & Egg Mission – Sub Component of CMSGUY.
3. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).
4. Externally Aided Project.

NEW SCHEMES:

1. Animal Health Care at Farmer's Doorstep.
2. Special innovative programme for enhancement of milk production in Assam.
3. Special innovative programme for enhancement of egg production in Assam.
4. Special innovative programme for enhancement of meat production in Assam.
5. Pet Animal Critical Care Unit.

CHAPTER – II

GRANT NO. 52

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee in its sitting held on 16th February, 2024 examined the papers and documents received from the Departments and took evidence of the Departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on the recommendations made in its **Twenty Fifth Report** in the 2023-24 and in addition to the scrutinization of the Budget provision.

Budget provisions under Grant No. 52 relating to the Animal Husbandry Department, 2024-25 are as follows:

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakhs)
VOTED	48333.33	6494.87	54828.20
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following heads, an estimated Budget allocation has been fixed as shown below:

Revenue Account		
(Rupees in Lakhs)		
Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2024-25 (in Lakhs)
2403	Animal Husbandry	48333.33
4403	Capital Outlay on Animal Husbandry	6494.87
Grand Total		54828.20

The amount so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital Expenditure respectively.

While discussing the Budget provision for the year, 2024-25, the Committee found the Budget so allocated comparatively less than the previous Financial Year and there is no clear indication as to why the Budget allocation has been reduced. However, the Committee feels that the Department should communicate with Finance Department, Govt. of Assam for necessary Budget provision in order to restrict the hindrances that may arise while performing the function of the Department.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT
ON THE OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED 25TH REPORT
OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON
DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS ON GRANT NO.52

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 52 of the Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department, on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives made the following Observations and Recommendations:

1. The Committee observed that some of Department livestock, poultry and fodder farms which running in poor condition have been rejuvenated and improved its performance during the last financial year which was already recommended by the Committee in its earlier 24th Report of the Committee.

The Committee after threadbare discussion recommends to continue the service of farmhands (daily wage labourer) for better performance of the farms. Moreover, the Committee also recommended to make functioning of the OEFSOP (Original Efficiency Financial Standard Operating Procedures).

ACTION TAKEN:

1. Farm hands were continued with their service at the farms and paid an amount of Rs. 159.12 Lakhs till December, 2023.
2. Outsourcing of farm hands through vendor is under process.
3. Since OEFSOP is not permissible under Treasury Rule, therefore, ALPCo has been entrusted with running of Pig Breeding Farm, Khanapara and Sonapur on pilot basis.

For this purpose, Rs. 45.00 Lakh is provided in the current year Budget.

2. During the course of discussion with the Department, the Committee observed that many unemployed youths of Assam are interested in availing beneficiary's related project.

The Committee therefore, recommends the Government take up the following steps at the earliest:

- (i) Implementation of a model pilot project in every LAC in Assam to support three model SHG for Goatery, Piggery and Poultry.
- (ii) Three model sustainable units for Goat, Pig and Poultry Act. as farmers field School to propagate scientific Animal Husbandry activities in the State and comply with present climate change and bio-security protocol .

ACTION TAKEN:

1. In piggery sector initially, formation of 25 numbers of Farmer Producer Company (FPCs) are in the verge of completion under RKVY (20 nos.) and SOPD (5 nos).
2. 4(Four) numbers of Sector wise Centre of excellence (COE) cum Incubation unit are proposed under Assam Veterinary Livestock Mission (AVLM).
3. 4(Four) numbers of Vocational Training Centre (VTC)s are proposed for upgradation for Farmers Training Centre.
4. A One Year Diploma Course is under preparation in consultation and collaboration with the College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara, AAU.

3. The Committee observed that general people of Assam are not fully aware of schemes implemented by the Government due to lack of publicity as well as general awareness of the people.

The Committee therefore, recommended that the Department to take necessary steps regarding the publicity of the schemes and other measures as well as apprising the local MLAs of the Districts about the schemes proposed to implement in advance so that they could do their contribution in creating general awareness among the local people.

The Committee also recommended to take necessary steps for conducting a "PASHU SWASTHA MELA" in all Districts of Assam and take up the proposal with the concerned higher authorities.

ACTION TAKEN:

Regarding publicity of different Departmental schemes, the following initiatives are taken-

Hoarding Installation under NLM (for awareness):

Total 144 nos. in different Districts and Development Blocks.

Leaflet Publication 60,000 nos.

Booklets Publication 27,000 nos.

Audio Video creative for training purpose of minimum 15 minutes duration:
4 nos.

Quickie videos for awareness: 6 nos.

Audios for awareness: 9 nos.

Facebook page, X handle, Instagarm, Whatsapp Channel.

New Creation- Departmental YouTube Channel (Pashudhan Dapon).

A total of 352 nos. of PASHU SWASTHA MELA, 40 nos. of Awareness camps in Buffalo khuties and 30 nos. of Training camps for Buffalo farmers in 5 Districts of Assam are going on. The camps will be completed by the end of February.

4. The Committee observed that the Slaughter House Act, 2001 (amended) is not properly implemented in the State.

The Committee therefore, recommends for implementation of Slaughter House Act, 2001 (amended) – to all municipality areas of the State as implemented by Guwahati Municipal Corporation : Regular Slaughterhouse By Laws : To regulate the illegal slaughter of animals for prevention of cruelty to animals and to provide wholesome meat for the consumers.

ACTION TAKEN:

Slaughter House bylaws for Guwahati Municipal Corporation has been implemented in Guwahati.

It's to be noted that Slaughter House Act/bylaws are under the purview of Department of Housing and Urban Development.

5. The Committee observed that there is huge vacancy in various cadre of posts lying vacant for which the Department is not in position to run smoothly and efficiently.

The Committee recommends that the Department should take steps for filling up these vacancies by giving promotions to upper post and by creating new posts.

ACTION TAKEN:

1. **51 officers promoted.**
 2. **161 VO already appointed and a proposal for appointing 71 VO has been sent to APSC.**
 3. **To fill up various cadre of posts lying vacant, cadre review proposal has been sought.**
 4. **352 VFA completed training and advertisement has been published for their appointment.**
 5. **450 are undergoing VFA training.**
6. The Committee observed during the course of discussion that many animals lost their life as many animals reside in low lying areas and we are aware that Assam is a flood prone State.

The Committee therefore, recommends that the Government Representative should take necessary steps for making highland in all flood prone Districts of Assam so that animal can take shelter during the flood.

ACTION TAKEN:

Work order issued for constructing a raised platform at Disoi (Golaghat District).

On successful completion of project in Disoi, the same shall be replicated in flood prone Districts by the Department in collaboration with Department Of Rural Development subject to availability of Budget.

GRANT NO.52

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, 2024-25

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 52 of the Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department, on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives made the following Observations and Recommendations:

1. The Committee observes during the course of discussion that the Department has not taken any process to continue the services of farm-hands (daily wage labourers) considering on humanitarian ground.

The Committee recommends that a clause may be included during the tendering & selection process of the manpower service providers/ vendors who will give preference to absorb wage earners with ample (5 to 10) years of previous experience.

2. The Committee observes during the course of discussion that many animals lost their lives during the flood period.

The Committee therefore, recommends that Govt. should take necessary steps for construction of raised platforms in all the flood prone Districts of Assam to mitigate the problem of shelter for animals during flood on priority basis.

3. The Committee observes that Pig production in Assam is not satisfactory, which may be a good source of employment generation.

The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps to increase Budgetary provision with the credit linked subsidy schemes to strengthen Pig production/ piggery units, keeping in mind the rising demands.

4. The Committee observes that the Department has not done any alternative process for the VFA working under Sub-centre in Dubial Gaon and Kakodonga under Dergaon and Dohutia in Jorhat. Further, the Committee observes that the infrastructural condition of the Veterinary Sub-Centres at Lumding town and Lanka are most dilapidated condition and there is insufficient of manpower for smooth functioning of the Veterinary Sub-Centres.

The Committee recommends that necessary initiatives should be taken by the Department to continue the services of VFA in the Sub-centres including the above mentioned Sub-centres, particularly on priority basis.

5. During the course of discussion, the Committee observes that feeds and fodder are the major input for animal husbandry production and implementation of comprehensive further production programme will pave the way to meet the fodder scarcity to enhance the dairy production.

The Committee recommends for implementation of a comprehensive fodder production programme with necessary fund allocation to support the dairy farmers of the State.

6. During the course of discussion, the Committee observes that the Goatery project is also one of the major sector with ample potentiality of growth in economy of the State. The Committee also observes that there is a necessity of encouraging the Goatery projects to enhance the rate of production of Goat by implementing various well designed programme to meet the rising market demand.

The Committee therefore, strongly recommends for implementation of a well designed programme for encouraging Goat production in the State as a prominent rural economic activity by allocating necessary fund.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of **Rs. 54828.20 lakhs** as sought for, under Grant No. 52 Animal Husbandry & Veterinary for the financial year, 2024-25 be approved by the August House.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendation may be submitted to the Committee within 90 days from the date of presentation of the report in the House.

REPORT

CHAPTER – III

Grant No – 53

(Dairy Development Department, Assam)

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee in its sitting held on 16th February, 2024 examined the papers and documents received from the Departments and took evidence of the Departmentally representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken Report on the recommendation made in its **Twenty Fifth Report** in the 2023-24 and in addition to the scrutinization of the Budget provision.

Budget provision under Grant No.53 relating to the Dairy Development Department, 2024-25 are as follows :

	REVENUE	CAPITAL	TOTAL (Rs. In Lakhs)
VOTED	6207.60	827.27	7034.87
CHARGED	0.00	0.00	0.00

Under the following heads, an estimated Budget allocation has been fixed as shown below :

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Revenue Account		
Head of Accounts	Major Head	Budget Estimates 2024-25 (in Lakhs)
2404	Dairy Development	6207.60
4404	Capital Outlay on Dairy Development	827.27
Grand Total		7034.87

The amount so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in Revenue and Capital expenditure respectively.

2.1 The Directorate of Dairy Development, Assam created during the year, 1982 vide Notification No. VFV.324/78, dated 16-01-82 without creating District and Sub-division wise manpower and other related infrastructure and in the year, 2004. Government has notified it as it permanent Department.

2.2 Basic Objective:

- Procurement, processing and distribution of milk aiming at economic upliftment of rural milk producers and to help urban consumers to get quality milk at a reasonable price.
- Developing adequate infrastructure to ensure procurement and processing of milk produced in the State.
- Organising dispersed milk producers into Dairy Co-Operative Societies (DCSs) and Milk Producers Institution (MPIs) for efficient procurement, processing and marketing.
- Awareness among milk producers, traders and consumers regarding clean milk production and consumption.

2.3 ORGANIZATION SETUP

Directorate at Khanapara, Guwahati-22.

Subordinate Establishment:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1. Office of the Zonal Deputy Director | - | 4(Four) Zonal Offices at Silchar, Jorhat, Tezpur and Nalbari. |
| 2. Office of Dairy Development Officer | - | 2 (Two) at Nagaon & Goalpara. |
| 3. Office of Town Milk Supply Scheme | - | 7(Seven) at Lahowal, Jorhat, Tezpur, Lakhimpur, Silchar, Manja and Garampani. |
| 4. Office of Assistant Director, Dairy | - | 1(One) at Diphu. |
| 5. Creamery Scheme | - | 1(One) at Umrangso. |

Review of 2023-24

The total approved amount for the SOPD 2023-24 was Rs. 1769.24 Lakhs, amount approved for RIDF was Rs.736.52 Lakhs and for EE was Rs.620.70 Lakhs out of which only Rs.2477.37 Lakhs is expected to be utilized.

Physical Targets:

1. Completed civil work of Multibrand Milk Parlour at Jorhat.
2. Organized 10 Nos. of Dairy Co-operative Societies in Sadiya Sub-division.
3. Conducted training of Dairy Farmers at 26 districts regarding value addition of milk and milk products.
4. Installation of machineries at Milk Processing Plant Jorhat.
5. Provided assistance to 17 entrepreneurs for establishing of Commercial Dairy Farms.
6. Established 15 Nos. of cottage dairy units at 15 progressive dairy co-operative societies.

NEW SCHEME LAUNCHED BY GOVERNMENT FOR THE FY 2024-25

1. Rs. 5 subsidy per litre of milk to Dairy Farmers- Amount proposed- Rs. 500.00 Lakhs.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT
ON THE OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED 25TH
REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B) DEPARTMENTS ON GRANT NO.53

1. The Committee observed that the earlier recommendations in the 24th Reports, for the financial year, 2022-2023 is not satisfactory.

The Committee therefore, recommends that the Department should move single mass relaxation proposal for amending the Service Rules provisions as special case for promotion of the senior level posts under the Department and again to restore the original provisions of the Services Rules after the special thrust for promotion at senior level is given effect at mass.

ACTION TAKEN

As communicated vide No.ECF.210967/20 dated 21.06.2023 proposal regarding promotion to the cadre of Asstt. Director from the cadre of Class B, Class-I (Senior Grade) by relaxing the provisions ' 11 (4)(d) of the Service Rules, of the Assam Animal Husbandry & Veterinary and Dairying Service Rules, 1988 as amended in 2020 under the Directorate of Dairy Development, Assam was forwarded to Personnel Department for their view and view of the Personnel Department is " As the Officers have already completed two years of service in their current cadre, relaxation of qualifying service is no longer required for promotion to the next higher cadre".

Later on 4 (Four) Nos. of eligible Officers in their current cadre have already been promoted to the cadre of Assistant Director from the cadre of Class B Class-I(Senior Grade)

2. A. The Committee during the course of discussion with the Department observed as how the capacity of the Milk Production in the State can be increased.

The Committee therefore, recommends that the Department to identify place in Assam where plants like Amul Plant, Gujarat can be established.

Further, the Committee recommends to the Department to take measures for self production of Animal feed in Assam.

ACTION TAKEN

Under Assam Dairy Development Plan, it is planned to create milk processing facilities to handle and add value to over 10 lakh litres of milk per day within a span of 7 (seven) years.

Land required for proposed Milk Processing Plants at 3 places viz Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Silchar has already been handed over the NDDB.

A 10,000 LPG Milk Processing Plant is going to be established by Dairy Development at Patacharkuchi, Bajali to be funded by North Eastern Council.

B. Further the Committee recommends to the Department to take measures for self production of Animal feed in Assam.

ACTION TAKEN

The Matter is taken up by the Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, Assam.

As per its report, there are 3 (Three) Nos. of feed mills established in Assam at Khanapara, Jorhat and Dibrugarh. The mills were in small production capacity due to unavailability of feed ingredients in Assam. So, the cost of supply of feed ingredient is more than the supply of readymade feed for animal.

3. During the course of discussion the Committee observes that none availability of Veterinary Hospital / Dispensaries / Doctors and Staffs in various places of the State. Therefore, the farmers are deprived of getting good treatment of Animals and Birds.

The Committee therefore recommends that Department should provision to establish new Veterinary Hospital in Balachar under North Abhayapuri LAC and Magharhat in Assam Meghalaya Border under West Guwahati LAC. The Committee also recommends that a Veterinary Sub-Centre in Longpolia under Charaideo District to appoint Doctors and Staffs for smooth functioning of the Sub-Centres.

ACTION TAKEN

The matter is taken up by the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

As per its report, provisions to establish new Hospital/Dispensary in Bhalachar under North Abhayapuri, LAC and Agharhat in Assam Meghalaya Border under West Guwahati, LAC can be taken up subject to allocation of consideration under RIDF-XXV UXXVII, tranche as per availability of Budget. Moreover, fund for development of the State is under construction of Govt. of Assam Plan matter. However, a mobile Veterinary unit under centrally sponsored scheme, is running at Abhayapuri covering Balachar by providing doorstep service to the farmers.

An Advertisement was published on 31.12.2023 to a point V.F.A. for 367 Nos. of post. After completion of all appointment procedure, VFA may be placed at Sub-Centre in Longpolia under Charaideo District.

GRANT NO.53
OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee after holding a threadbare discussion and on close scrutinization of the Report related to Grant No. 53 of the Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department, on the evidences provided by the Departmental representatives made the following Observations and Recommendations :

1. The Committee observes that during the course of discussion that the milk processing unit at Bebejia is not functioning.

The Committee strongly recommends that necessary initiatives should be taken for running the said milk processing unit as early as possible.

2. The Committee observes that during the discussion dairy productions are influenced by the production of milk directly. The demands of dairy products are increasing day by day for its nutritional value. Therefore, there is a necessity of sufficient fund allocation under the dairy scheme to encourage the farmers to produce sufficient milk to meet the demand of the markets.

The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps for proper provision of fund allocation under the scheme to provide support to more farmers self sufficiency in milk production in the State.

3. The Committee observes during the course of discussion that there is a huge gap in Milk production and demand in the State.

The Committee recommends that the Department should take necessary steps for more Milk production by allocating necessary funds for holding workshops with proper awareness programmes to increase the dairy farmers of all Blocks of the State.

With these observations, the Committee recommends that the total amount of Rs. 7034.87 lakhs as sought for, under Grant No. 53 Dairy Development for the financial year, 2024-25 be approved by the August House.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendation may be submitted to the Committee within 90 days from the date of presentation of the report in the House.

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