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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2020-21), presented the 28th Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2021-22)' of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) to Lok Sabha on 17th March, 2020.

Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under :

Analysis of Demands	While observing the trend of considerable reduction of funds allocated at BE and RE Stages during the last three financial years and also the revision of Physical Targets by the Department due to huge curtailment of funds, the Committee strongly recommended the Ministry of Finance to re-introspect their strategy and increase allocations made to the Department at RE Stage in the year 2021-22 while also desiring the Department to pursue this with the Ministry. (Recommendation Para No.1)
Budgetary Planning	While observing the stagnating share of the Department in the Central Plan Outlay at 0.12% compared to the rising share of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare), the Committee expressed strong displeasure over the fact that allocations made to the Department have remained grossly inadequate despite the rising share of Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sector's contribution to the country's GDP and therefore, strongly urged the Government to take requisite measures to bring Livestock and Dairy

	<p>Farmers at par with Agricultural Farmers and the Ministry of Finance to allocate funds to the Department commensurate with this Sector's contribution to the GDP.</p> <p>(Recommendation Para No. 2)</p>
<p>Under-utilization of Funds and Pending Utilization Certificates</p>	<p>While expressing dissatisfaction over the recurring trend of under-utilization of funds by States and UTs and also over Zero or Nil Entries under various Heads on Physical Targets and Achievements of Schemes run by the Department, the Committee recommended that the Department recalibrate its approach regarding fund allocation under Schemes including setting of Physical Targets for the same, and if need be, work on rationalization of Budget Heads and clubbing of Scheme Sub-components for the sake of fiscal prudence.</p> <p>(Recommendation Paras No. 5)</p>
<p>Rashtriya Gokul Mission</p>	<p>While expressing dissatisfaction over the lower per capita availability of milk in States of Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal as compared to the National Average and also the poor coverage of the Artificial Insemination (A.I.) Programme in Bihar (7%), Maharashtra (23%) and West Bengal (29%), the Committee recommended the Department to take necessary steps to resolve the issue of lop-sided development of milk production in States and to ensure that targets envisaged under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission are achieved across all States in a timely fashion.</p> <p>(Recommendation Para No. 9)</p>
<p>Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH & DC)</p>	<p>While taking note of the Plan of the Department to increase the number of Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) in the country and to introduce two-wheeler MVUs as an experiment, the Committee recommended the Department to religiously pursue the cause of increased allocation and focused expenditure in this area so as to attract Private Sector Investments while also taking necessary steps to incorporate Ethno-veterinary Practices in the curriculum of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry Degree Courses.</p> <p>(Recommendation Para Nos. 13)</p>
<p>GOBAR DHAN Scheme and Doubling Farmer's Income</p>	<p>While appreciating the efforts of the Department under the GOBAR DHAN Scheme, the Committee</p>

	<p>recommended the Department to explore ways to include a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Component on Organic Manure generated from the GOBAR DHAN Scheme and employ required measures to enroll maximum number of households and cooperatives under the Scheme. The Committee, while expressing satisfaction with attempts such as Entrepreneurship promotion proposed to be undertaken by the Department for furthering the objective of Doubling Farmers' Income, recommended the Department to focus on taking necessary steps towards doubling the income generation potential of Livestock, Dairy and Poultry farmers and follow-up on the same.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para Nos. 16 & 17)</p>
<p>Inclusivity and Gender Balance in Animal Husbandry and Dairying</p>	<p>While noting the reply of the Department regarding separate allocation under SCSP and TSP Components leading to economic upliftment of the entire SC and ST communities, the Committee expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of earmarking of specific funds under the Gender Budget Component in Livestock and Dairying Sector and strongly recommended the Department to take necessary steps to adhere to Gender Budgeting norms and bring out the Gender Perspective of its functioning in its Output Outcome Framework.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No.18)</p>
<p>Implementation of Committee's Recommendations</p>	<p>While expressing displeasure with the partial and incomplete Replies furnished by the Department regarding the Committee's earlier Recommendations with regard to upgradation of the DMS Plant in their 4th DFG Report (2019-20) as also in their 15th Action Taken Report; and also on the Committee's Recommendations on proper monitoring of Expenditure Pattern under the Establishment as also Strengthening of existing Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries (ESVHD) Component of LH & DC Scheme in their 11th Report on Demands for Grants (2020-21) as well as in their 21st Action taken Report, the Committee strongly desired the Department to furnish accurate data and exact position of Scheme and activities undertaken thereunder as sought or recommended by the Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No.19)</p>