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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2019-20), presented the Eleventh Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2020-21)' of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) to Lok Sabha on 13.03.2020.

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

Analysis of Demands	While observing the trend of considerable reduction of fund allocation at BE and RE Stages during the last three financial years and also for the year 2020-21, the Committee noted that despite providing justifications for seeking increased allocation, there have been huge curtailment of funds allocated to the Department thereby leading to revision of Physical Targets by the Department. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommended the Ministry of Finance to increase allocations at the RE Stage and desired the Department also pursue this with the Ministry. (Recommendation Para No.1)
Under-utilization of Funds	The Committee were dismayed to note the constant under-utilization of already meagre funds provided to the Department, as also the huge amount of unspent balances remaining with the States and UTs under various Scheme Heads. The Committee have, therefore, recommended that the Department strictly pursue the matter with the States and UTs and revise extant monitoring and follow-up mechanisms so as to ensure optimal and full utilization of allocated funds for the intended purpose. (Recommendation Para No. 2)
Rashtriya Gokul Mission	Perturbed with the drastic cut in allocation and a resultant revision of targets under the Rashtriya Gokul

	<p>Mission, the Committee have raised serious concerns with the poor performance of the Department with respect to Physical Targets such as establishment of Gokul Grams, coverage of Artificial Inseminations, etc. The Committee have also expressed displeasure over the poor performance of Breed Improvement Institutes such as Central Frozen Semen Production & Training Institute (CFSP&TI) regarding frozen semen production, sales and trainings conducted. The Committee have, therefore, strongly recommended the Department to make all out efforts for increasing production and productivity of milch animals while also taking strict measures to ensure achievement of set targets by the Institutes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Paras No. 6&7)</p>
<p>National Dairy Plan Phase - I</p>	<p>While expressing concern over the repeated failure of the Department to provide data regarding average contribution of Organized Milk Sector versus Unorganized Milk Sector in milk production, as also the unavailability of data with respect to volume of milk processed by private dairies, the Committee have deprecated this non-committal approach of the Department towards important parameters of the Schemes being implemented. The Committee have desired the Department to furnish proper information for objective evaluation of performance of the Scheme, while also evolving an effective mechanism to provide better market access to Rural Milk Producers in the country.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 8)</p>
<p>Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH&DC)</p>	<p>While expressing dissatisfaction over inadequacies in expenditure on the two Major Components of Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP) and Establishment and Strengthening of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries (ESVHD) under LH&DC, the Committee have recommended the Department to take up proper monitoring of expenditure at regular intervals. The Committee have also urged the Government to increase fund allocation towards Animal Healthcare and recommended the Department to have adequate number of well-equipped Mobile Veterinary Clinics to provide veterinary services, while also desiring that the Department undertake extensive awareness campaigns on issues relating to Livestock Health and Disease Control, at the grassroot level, along with making focused attempts to attract private investments in the Sector of Animal Healthcare.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Paras No. 9&10)</p>