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From

The Secretary (AH) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

Director of Animal Husbandry,  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-5.

Dated Shimla-171002 the *10/10-2016.*  
Subject: Scheme for incentivizing entities involved in stray  
cattle rehabilitation and setting up of Gosadans in the  
State.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. SGSB/2004,  
dated 27-07-2016 on the subject cited above and to convey the  
approval of the Government to the Scheme proposed for  
incentivizing entities involved in stray cattle rehabilitation and  
setting up of Gosadans in the State for taking further necessary  
action at your end.

This issues with the prior concurrence of the  
Finance Department U.O. No. Fin. (C)B(15)-1/2015, dated  
04.10.2016.

Yours faithfully,

*(Signature)*  
(Ranjeet Singh)

Under Secretary (AH) to the  
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

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**SCHEME**  
**FOR**  
**INCENTIVIZING ENTITIES**  
**INVOLVED**  
**IN**  
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SCHEME FOR INCENTIVIZING ENTITIES INVOLVED IN STRAY CATTLE  
REHABILITATION & SETTING UP OF GOSADANS

- I. **Introduction:-** Livestock plays an important role in the economy of the farmer. Almost every household in the State maintains a few heads of livestock of one kind or the other. With all other classes of livestock, there is no problem because they can be culled. However, there is a tendency to abandon cattle rather than assume responsibility for maintaining them after they become unproductive or for other reasons as they cannot be culled due to social /religious reasons.



- II. **Problem of Stray Cattle:-** As per livestock census conducted during year 2012 total cattle population of the State is 21.49 lakh. Stray cattle population as per this census is 32160.
- III. **Existing Infrastructure:-** Presently, there are 130 Gosadans (129 maintained by NGOs and One by the Animal Husbandry Department) in the State with capacity to house 10416 animals. At present these gosadans are giving shelter to 6498 animals. Government is assisting many of these Gosadans within its limited resources
- IV. **Legal Framework:-** As far as the legal framework is concerned, provision of cattle registration exist for urban as well as rural local bodies. Section 11-A of the HP Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act 2006 contains suitable provisions to ensure responsibility of Local Self Government Units. The various sub sections require that cattle owners are responsible for registering their cattle with the Gram Panchayat under the Cattle Registration Scheme for which proper identification marks are given. The Gram Panchayat is allowed to charge a registration fee and also impose fine on owners who abandon their cattle as stray. Similarly, Section 150-A and Section 324-A of H.P. Municipal (Amendment) Act, 2011 empower all the Urban Local Bodies to register and maintain records of cattle within the limits of the urban areas. In case the registered cattle are found stray, there is provision of levying fine on the defaulters/owners.
- V. **Formulation of the Scheme:-** The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced in the Budget Speech of the Year 2016-17 that *"the Temple Trusts and Charitable organizations will be encouraged to open Gosadans for stray cattle for which they will be suitably assisted from the funds of " Govanash Samverdhan Board". The Board will also award the best performing Gosadans providing care and Shelter to the abandoned cattle"*. Accordingly, this scheme has formulated with following twin purposes:-

- i. To reward the Best performing gosadans in the State
- ii. To provide assistance to entities involved In running Gosadans in the State.

VI. **Entities eligible to be considered for Reward/Fund:-** Entities involved In rehabilitation of stray cattle and running of gosadans in the State i.e. Non Governmental Organisations, Temple Trusts, Charitable Organisations, Local Bodies ( both rural & urban) will be eligible under this scheme.

VII. **Implementation through Govansh Samverdhan Board:** - The Himachal Pradesh Govansh Samverdhan Board has been notified vide notification No. AHY-A (4)-3/2015 dated 8-2-2016 for ensuring welfare and development of cow species in the State. Main functions of the Board are as under :-

- i. Formulation of norms for registration of gosadans being run in the State and registration of gosadans as per the norms.
- ii. To promote healthy competition amongst gosadans.
- iii. To educate, campaign and to make people aware about the economic benefits which can be derived out of bovine animals as also to preach compassion for these species of Animals.

The Board will implement the schemes through funds received from the State Government for this purpose.

VIII. **Objectives of the Schemes:-**

VIII. 1- Objectives of Scheme I namely "To Reward Best Performing Gosadans in the State" are as under:-

- i. To reward best performing Gosadan for giving shelter to stray animals.
- ii. To encourage NGOs / other organizations to establish and run model gosadans to rehabilitate stray cattle.
- iii. To inculcate a spirit of competition amongst entities running gosadans.

VIII.2- Objectives of Scheme II namely "Providing Assistance to Entities running Gosadans" are as under:-



- i. To provide financial assistance to entities involved in running Gosadans in the State so as to ensure utilization of full capacity of the gosadan and to enhance their carrying capacity.
- ii. To provide financial assistance to entities for establishment of new gosadans.

**IX. Scheme No. -I – Best Performing Gosadan in the State**

**1. No. of Gosadans to be Rewarded**

Three Gosadans of the State will be rewarded at the State level in one financial year.

**2. Prize Money**

S.no.	Prize	Amount
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Rs. 15.00 lakh
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Rs. 10.00 lakh
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Rs. 5.00 lakh
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 30.00 lakh</b>

**3. Eligibility Criteria:-**

The Gosadans fulfilling following criteria will be eligible to apply for the Award:-

1. Gosadan should be giving shelter to atleast 75 animals.
2. The Gosadan being run by NGOs and Charitable Trusts should be registered under Societies Act, 1860. All these gosadans and Gosadans being run by the local bodies and temple trusts should also be registered with the Himachal Pradesh Govansh Samverdhan Board (when registration with the board commences).

3. The NGO/entities running the Gosadan should not have encroached upon the Government land.
4. The Gosadan should be functioning continuously for atleast three years.
5. The Gosadan should have expanded capacity over its existence.
6. The Gosadan has applied on prescribed format with complete information/documents.

#### ✓ 4. Selection Criteria

The Gosadans will be assessed for grant of reward by a Committee appointed for the purpose. The selection will be based on following criteria:-

- 4.1 The Cattle should be maintained on scientific lines giving due attention to Animal Welfare Laws. The NGO will provide details of infrastructure available for giving shelter to animals.
- 4.2 The Gosadan should have adequate land for maintaining Animals.
- 4.3 There should be no stray Cattle in the Panchayat ward where gosadan is located unless the gosadan is running on full capacity. ✓
- 4.4 Numerical weightage will be given to those Gosadans who have made efforts to return stray cattle to its owners.
- 4.5 Numerical weightage will be given to those Gosadans who have made efforts for growing fodder or encouraged local people to grow fodder. Report of concerned Agricultural Officer will be taken in to account in this matter. ✓
- 4.6 Numerical weightage will be given to those gosadans that have established income generating assets of one kind or the other to improve their sustainability and viability.

#### ✓ 5. How to Apply

- 5.1 The Gosadan will have to apply by due date (to be notified separately) on format to be specified for this purpose.



- 5.2 The applicant will attach notes /details /documents as required in the application format.
- 5.3 The application/ filled format will be verified by the Senior Veterinary Officer/Veterinary Officer under whose jurisdiction the Gosadan falls.
- 5.4 The concerned Senior Veterinary Officer/ Veterinary Officer will forward the application to the Deputy Director (AH/B) of the concerned district along with recommendations.
- 5.5 The Application will be considered/examined by a District Level Committee. The District level Committee will conduct/cause to conduct an inspection of the applicant gosadans.
- 5.6 District level Committee will sponsor 3 Gosadans from each district to the State level Committee along with its recommendations as per prescribed format.
- 5.7 The State Level Committee will select three gosadans per year as per selection criteria and forward their names to the Govansh Samverdhan Board.

**6. Committees:-**

**6.1 District Level Committee:-**

- i. Deputy Director ( AH/B) – Chairperson
- ii. District Panchayat Officer – Member
- iii. One Senior Veterinary Officer / Veterinary Officer – Member  
Secretary

**6.2 State Level Committee:-**

- i. Director, Animal Husbandry- Chairperson
- ii. Joint Director (HQ)-cum-Member Secretary SAWB,HP
- iii. Deputy Director (Animal Production), Directorate of Animal Husbandry

X. Scheme No. -II- Providing Assistance to Entities Running Gosadans in the State

This scheme is twofold:-

Scheme No. II-A- Providing Assistance to Entities already running Gosadans in the State

Scheme No. II-B- Providing Assistance to entities willing to establish new Gosadans in the State

XI. Scheme No. II-A- Providing Assistance to Entities Already Running Gosadans in the State

Presently, there are 130 Gosadans (129 maintained by NGOs and One by the Animal Husbandry Department) in the State with capacity to house 7451 animals. In order to provide assistance to these NGOs and to encourage them to give shelter to more animals the following activities are proposed to be funded under Scheme No. II on first come first serves basis as per availability of funds :-

S.No.	Activity	Rate	Budget
ii	Addition/Alterations in existing gosadan to increase the carrying capacity.	Max. Rs. 5.00 lakh for 50 gosadans per financial year ( with condition that they will increase their capacity by atleast 25 animals in that financial year )	Rs. 250.00 lakh
iii	Medicines	25% of expenditure on medicines incurred by the gosadan in one financial year	Rs. 3.00 lakh



iv	Installation of Borewell /Tubewell at the Gosadans to meet the water requirements for animals./growing fodder subject to fulfillment of norms.	To be provided on prevailing subsidy through Agriculture Department
v	Assistance for installation of Bio Gas Plants, Vermicompost unit and Chaff-cutters subject to fulfillment of norms.	To be provided on prevailing subsidy by Agriculture Deptt.
v.	Provision of fodder Seed	To be provide on prevailing subsidy by Agriculture Department.
vi	Fish Ponds for income generation subject to fulfillment of norms.	To be provided as per prevailing subsidy/share by the Fisheries Department
	Total	Rs. 253.00 lakh

**XII. Activity No.-II -B- Providing Assistance to entities willing to establish new Gosadans in the State**

In order to encourage entities for establishing new gosadans for giving shelter to stray animals the following activities are proposed to be funded under:-

S.No.	Activity	Rate	Amount required
i	Provision of land to entities interested in establishing of	Government Land will be considered to be provided on lease to eligible entities as per	

	Gosadans	Government Policy/Law.	
ii	Grant-in-aid for construction of <i>new</i> gosadans	Max. Rs. 10.00 lakh for 25 gosadans or 50% of estimate submitted by the concerned agency whichever is less	250.00 lakh
iii	Installation of Borewell /Tubewell at the Gosadans to meet our water requirements for animals./growing fodder	To be provided on prevailing subsidy through Agriculture Department	
iv	Assistance for installation of bio Gas Plants, Vermicompost unit and Chaff-cutters	To be provided on prevailing subsidy by Agriculture Deptt	
v	Provision of fodder Seed	To be provided on prevailing subsidy by Agriculture Department.	
vi	Fish Ponds	To be provided as per prevailing subsidy/share by the Fisheries Department	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>Rs. 250.00 lakh</b>

1. Eligibility Criteria Activity No. II A & II B :-

The Gosadans fulfilling following criteria will be eligible to apply for the Assistance:-

- 1.1 The Gosadan being run by NGOs and Charitable Trusts **should be registered under Societies Act, 1860.** All these gosadans and Gosadans being run by the local bodies and Temple Trusts **should also be registered with the Himachal**



Pradesh Govansh Samverdhan Board (when registration with the board commences).

1.2 The entity running the Gosadan should not have encroached upon the Government land.

1.3 Only those applications will be considered which are complete in all details and respects.

1.4 The entity should hold a clear legal title of land on which gosadan is constructed/ is to be constructed.

1.5 In case of assistance under schemes of other Departments, the applicant entity will have to bear beneficiary share from its own resources.

## 2. How to apply:-

2.1 The Gosadan will have to apply by due date on format to be specified separately for this purpose, ensuring all required detail/information is provided.

2.2 The application/ filled format will be verified by the Senior Veterinary Officer/ Veterinary Officer under whose jurisdiction the Gosadan falls.

2.3 The concerned Senior Veterinary Officer/ Veterinary Officer will forward the application to the Deputy Director (AH/B) of the concerned district

2.4 The Application will be verified at district level by the Deputy Director (AH/B) and submitted to the Director, Animal Husbandry.

2.5 The Director, Animal Husbandry will convene a meeting of departments of agriculture and Fisheries, if assistance is sought under schemes of these Departments. The Director, Ah will forward recommendations to the Govansh Samverdhan Board for sanction.

2.6 Assistance will be provided on first come first serve basis subject to availability of funds.

2.7 The funds sanctioned by the Govansh Samverdhan Board funds will be released through the concerned Deputy Director (AH/B) of the Animal Husbandry Department.

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