

## **Rashtriya Gokul Mission**

### **Aim of the Scheme**

The “Rashtriya Gokul Mission” has been launched by the Government for conservation and development of indigenous breeds in a focused and scientific manner. The mission also envisages establishment of integrated cattle development centres ‘Gokul Grams to develop indigenous breeds including upto 40% nondescript breeds.

Rashtriya Gokul Mission is a focussed project under National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development, with an outlay of Rs 500 crore during for three years from 2014-15 to 2016-17.

### **Objectives:**

The Rashtriya Gokul Mission is being implemented with the objectives of: a) development and conservation of indigenous breeds b) breed improvement programme for indigenous cattle breeds to improve their genetic makeup and increase the stock; c) enhancement of milk production and productivity; d) upgradation of nondescript cattle using elite indigenous breeds like Gir, Sahiwal, Rathi, Deoni, Tharparkar, Red Sindhi and e) distribution of disease free high genetic merit bulls for natural service.

### **Implementing Agency:**

Rashtriya Gokul Mission is being implemented through “State Implementing Agencies (SIA) viz Livestock Development Boards. All Agencies having a role in indigenous cattle development are “Participating Agencies” like CFSPTI, CCBFs, ICAR, Universities, Colleges, NGO’s, Cooperative Societies.

### **Funding Pattern:**

Scheme is implemented on 100% grant-in-aid basis

### **Area of Operation:**

Through out the country

### **Target /Beneficiaries:**

Rural cattle and buffalo keepers irrespective of caste, class and gender.

### **Components:**

Funds under the scheme are allocated for: a) establishment of Integrated Indigenous Cattle Centres viz “Gokul Gram”; b) strengthening of bull mother farms to conserve high genetic merit Indigenous Breeds; c) establishment of Field Performance Recording (FPR) in the breeding tract d) assistance to Institutions/Institutes which are repositories of best germplasm; e) implementation of Pedigree Selection Programme for the Indigenous Breeds with large population; f)

Establishment of Breeder's Societies: *Gopalan Sangh* g) distribution of disease free high genetic merit bulls for natural service h) incentive to farmers maintaining elite animals of indigenous breeds; i) heifer rearing programme; award to Farmers ("*Gopal Ratna*") and Breeders' Societies ("*Kamadhenu*"); j) organization of Milk Yield Competitions for indigenous breeds and k) organization of Training Programme for technical and non technical personnel working at the Institute/Institutions engaged in indigenous cattle development.

**Procedure for applying:**

State Governments are required to send the projects, duly assessed by the SIA to Government of India. Projects will be appraised and approved by Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC), Govt. of India.

**Application form:**

General guidelines have been circulated to all the State Governments/ UT's. Guidelines are available on the website [www.dahd.nic.in](http://www.dahd.nic.in)

**For Further details contact:**

Joint Commissioner (Animal Husbandry), Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries, Room No. 479 Tel Phone No. 23383699.