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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ANIMAL HUSBANDRY)

(G.O. Ms. No. 04/AH., Puducherry, dated 21st August 2023)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to approve the Scheme Guidelines for “Assistance towards payment of Farmer’s share for Artificial Insemination using Sex sorted Semen under Rashtriya Gokul Mission ABIP-SS (Central Sector Scheme)” in the Union territory of Puducherry. It shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their I.D.No. 395/FC/FD/F3/A4/2023-24, dated 19-07-2023.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

**SUNDARARAJAN. P,**  
Deputy Secretary to Government  
(Animal Husbandry).

**GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF  
“ASSISTANCE TOWARDS PAYMENT OF FARMER’S SHARE  
FOR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION USING SEX SORTED  
SEMEN UNDER RASHTRIYA GOKUL MISSION ABIP-SS  
(CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME)”**

**(1) Short title, extent and commencement.**— 1. This Scheme may be called “Assistance towards payment of Farmer’s share for Artificial Insemination using Sex sorted Semen under Rashtriya Gokul Mission ABIP-SS (Central Sector Scheme)”.

2. It shall extend to the whole of Union territory of Puducherry.

3. It shall come into force with immediate effect.

**(2) Objective.**— The Objective of the Scheme is:

1. To promote use of Sex sorted Semen for production of female calves with 90% accuracy.

2. To enhance milk production and farmers income through production of more female calves.

3. Increased availability of female calves of high genetic makeup for farmers and entrepreneurs interested in taking up dairy farming.

4. To make Sexed Semen Technology affordable to Farmers thereby increasing the acceptability of Artificial Insemination (AI) using Sex sorted Semen.

**(3) Scope.**— To provide financial assistance to beneficiaries by bearing the Farmer’s share on the cost of Artificial Insemination against the subsidy portion of the Government of India towards implementation of the Central Sector Scheme-Accelerated Breed Improvement Programme using Sexed Semen (ABIP-SS) under Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) in the Union territory of Puducherry.

**(4) Target Group.**— This Scheme will be operated in affiliation with the Central Sector Scheme-Accelerated Breed Improvement Programme Sex sorted Semen (ABIP SS) Scheme, for the entire period the Central Scheme is in operation. Under the programme, Sex sorted Semen doses will be used for artificial insemination to obtain 50,000 assured pregnancies in 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26 @ 10,000 assured pregnancies per year. The farmers of the Union territory of Puducherry who are having eligible Heifers and normal cyclic Cows/Buffaloes in the

range of 1st to 3rd lactation period will be benefitted under the programme. Only animals with higher fertility shall be inseminated under the programme.

**(5) Implementing Agency (IA).—** The Department of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare, Puducherry, is the implementing agency in respect of Union territory of Puducherry.

**(6) Participating Agencies (PA).—** Department of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare, Puducherry, the Pondicherry Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited (PONLAIT) and Private Artificial Insemination Technicians of Puducherry.

**(7) Selection of Farmers and Contract for Getting Assured Pregnancy.—** Scheme will be available to all the Farmers of Puducherry Union Territory who are interested in taking up assured pregnancy with Sex sorted Semen.

Healthy and mature heifers and normal cyclic cows and buffaloes in the range of 1st to 3rd lactation period available with the farmers may be selected and covered under the programme for getting assured pregnancy through Sex sorted Semen. Animals above 3rd lactation may not be covered under the programme as in this category of animals conception rate is substantially low.

Farmers will be advised to register healthy and mature heifers and normal cyclic cows or buffaloes in 1st to 3rd lactation for covering under the programme. Animals to be covered under the project shall be assessed by Artificial Insemination Technician for fertility, reproductive disorders, *etc.*, Only animals which are healthy and have higher fertility shall be covered under the programme. Animals registered and ear tagged with 12 digit unique ID number under Information Network for Animal Productivity and Health (INAPH-software developed by NDDB) will only be covered under this Scheme. Artificial Insemination Technician shall deliver AI service at the farmer's doorstep following Minimum Standards of Protocol (MSP) and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prescribed by experts of Sexed Semen production facilities.

Implementing Agency will enter into contract with Farmer for getting assured pregnancy using Sexed Semen.

**(8) Methodology of Operation Under NDDB Guidelines and Removal of Refund Clause.—** (i) The Farmer will deposit his/her share of ₹ 250 per AI with Sexed Semen for maximum 2 AIs with Sexed Semen/Lactation/Animal.

(ii) In case, the animal fails to get pregnant even after 2 AIs with Sexed Semen then the farmer's contribution of ₹ 500 will be returned back to concerned farmer by Implementing Agency (IA) and an advisory should be provided to farmer to go for next AI with conventional semen.

(iii) If, the animal fails to get pregnant and only one AI with Sexed Semen has been performed, then no refund shall be given to such farmers.

(iv) If, male calf is born after animal get pregnant with 1st AI with Sexed Semen then no refund would be given and if, with 2 AIs, then, ₹ 250 would be returned to the concerned farmer.

(v) The Scheme provides for financial assistance towards payment of Farmer's share for Artificial Insemination using Sex sorted Semen under Rashtriya Gokul Mission ABIP-SS (CS) to be borne by the Government of Puducherry/Implementing Agency. As the committed expenses of farmers on AI is borne by the Implementing Agency/Government, the refund provisions in the above clauses stands void.

**(9) Pattern of Assistance.—** The Government of Puducherry/Implementing Agency will bear the Farmer's share towards the cost of insemination and the amount will be periodically drawn and paid into the relevant CNA/Child account of PFMS *in lieu of* the Farmer's share.

The data/MIS generated from INAPH software of NDDDB will be used for initiating reversal of funds, both for non-conception and birth of male calf periodically as admissible in Guidelines.

Sl. No.	Description	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)
		₹
1	Cost per dose of Sex sorted Semen	675 *
2	Government of India's share	425
3	Farmers' share borne by Government of Puducherry/Implementing Agency.	250
4	In case of non-conception even after 2nd AI (amount to be remitted back into Government Account).	500

(1)	(2)	(3)
		₹
5	If, male calf is born after 1st AI with Sexed Semen	No reversal of fund
6	If, male calf is born with 2 AIs with Sexed Semen (amount to be remitted back into Government Account).	250

\* *The cost index and subsidy components in the above Table are subject to variation depending upon the rate contracts executed by Government of India with the Sex sorted Semen Suppliers/Service Providers. Such consequential changes in the above cost index and subsidy components shall be rearranged by issuing a sanction to that effect.*

**(10) Monitoring.**— (i) The Implementing Agency shall monitor the activities of this project through the field level Institutions and its Officers.

(ii) Verification of the information entered by the Artificial Insemination Technicians in the database /records shall be conducted by Veterinary Assistant Surgeon/Veterinary Officer in-charge of the institution of the Implementing Agency and Participating Agencies/ District level Offices/Nodal Officer of RGM ABIP SS & CEO (RGM ABIP SS) on routine basis.

**(11) Cancellation of Financial Assistance.**— The assistance shall be discontinued on notice of death or sale of the animal or in the event of discovery of any fraudulence.

**(12) Interpretation and Clarification.**— In the implementation of the Scheme, if any doubt arises in regard to the interpretation of any of the provisions of the Scheme or if, any point requires clarification, the matter shall be referred to the Director of Department of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare, Puducherry, and the decision of the Director shall be the final.

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