Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund

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Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) Latest News

In response to a question asked in the Rajya Sabha, the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying responded that the amount of loan sanctioned under the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) is ₹ 10,320 Crores.

About Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)

- It is a ₹**15,000 crores central sector scheme** under the prime minister's **"Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan" stimulus package.**
- It is aimed at **boosting investments in animal husbandry infrastructure.**
- **Implementing Agency: Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying,** Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying.
- **Objectives:**

- To **expand milk and meat processing capacity** and help small rural producers connect with organised markets.
- To ensure that livestock farmers get **better prices** for their milk, meat, and other animal products.
- To make **good-quality milk and meat products** that can be easily available for people across the country.
- To **meet** the **growing demand for protein-rich food** and help **reduce malnutrition**, especially among children.
- To **encourage entrepreneurship** and create more job opportunities in the livestock sector.
- To **promote exports** and increase the export contribution in the milk and meat sector.
- To make available **quality concentrated animals feed.**

- The scheme will **incentivize investments for**
  - **Dairy processing** and **value addition infrastructure.**
  - **Meat processing** and value addition **infrastructure**.
  - **Animal Feed Plant.**
  - **Breed multiplication farm.**
  - **Animal Waste to Wealth Management** (Agri-waste management).
  - **Veterinary vaccine and drug production** facilities.
- The **eligible beneficiaries** under the Scheme would be:
  - **Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)**
  - **Private companies**
  - **Individual entrepreneurs**
  - **Section 8 companies**
  - Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises **(MSMEs)**

Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) Benefits

- The **beneficiaries** are to **contribute a minimum of 10%** margin money as investment. The **balance 90%** would be the **loan component** to be **made available by scheduled banks.**
- The **Government** of India will **provide 3% interest subvention** to eligible beneficiaries.
- **Repayment Period:** Maximum of **8 years, including** a **moratorium period of 2 years.**
- From the Credit Guarantee Fund, **Credit guarantee** would be provided to those sanctioned projects which are covered under MSME-defined ceilings. Guarantee coverage would be **up to 25% of the credit facility of the borrower.**
  - **Credit Guarantee Fund**: **Set up and managed by NABARD,** the limit of the fund is Rs.750 crore.

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