

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DAIRY VENTURE CAPITAL FUND PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to bring some changes in the dairy venture capital fund project being implemented by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for the development of milk related activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has included other agriculture based activities apart from dairy in the said project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The Dairy Venture Capital Fund scheme has been modified and renamed as `Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme` (DEDS) from 1st September, 2010. The modifications were made under the scheme on the basis of recommendation of evaluation study done by Centre for Management Development and on the request of the beneficiaries, implementing agencies and lead banks etc. Some major changes have been made under the scheme to make the scheme more effective are as under:

1. Instead of Interest Free Loan (IFL) (50% of the outlay), back- ended capital subsidy of 25% (33.33% for SC/ST) of the outlay of the project would be provided to the beneficiaries.
2. All districts including Operation Flood districts would be eligible for setting up of small dairy unit with crossbred cows/ indigenous descript milch cows and graded buffaloes upto 10 animals.
3. Outlay of all components has been revised upwards.
4. New components have been included in the scheme like Vermi Compost, Dairy marketing outlet/Dairy parlour and rearing of heifer of cross bred, indigenous descript milch breeds of cattle and graded buffaloes upto 20 numbers.

(c) & (d) The following components are covered under the scheme:

- i. Establishment of small dairy units with crossbred cows/ indigenous descript milch cows like Sahiwal, Red Sindhi, Gir, Rathi etc /graded buffaloes upto 10 animals
- ii. Rearing of heifer calves - cross bred, indigenous descript milch breeds of cattle and of graded buffaloes - upto 20 calves,
- iii. Vermi compost with milch animal unit ( to be considered with milch animals/small dairy farm and not separately)
- iv. Purchase of milking machines /milkotesters/ bulk milk cooling units (upto 2000 lit capacity)
- v. Purchase of dairy processing equipment for manufacture of indigenous milk products
- vi. Establishment of dairy product transportation facilities and cold chain.
- vii. Cold storage facilities for milk and milk products,
- viii. Establishment of private veterinary clinics,
- ix. Dairy marketing outlet / Dairy parlour