## NDDB to promote dairy farming in Himachal Pradesh

With a view to promote dairying and rural livelihoods in Himachal Pradesh, Shri Dilip Rath, Chairman, NDDB held wide-ranging discussions with Shri Jai Ram Thakur, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh on 8 June 2018 at Shimla. The Hon'ble CM showed keenness to take immediate measures for dairy development in the interest of milk producers. He said that dairy development is not about the commodity called milk but about the socio-economic transformation of rural households in Himachal Pradesh.

Shri Rath said NDDB would provide support to dairy institutions of the State so as to enable them better serve their members and promote producer institutions that remain true to cooperative values.

To address the issue of low milk SNF percentage in dairy animals, NDDB had conducted a study for udder level milk SNF% estimation and impact of feeding balanced ration on milk SNF% level. The study also included other milk quantity & quality along with biological parameters. The main focus was to extend benefits and create awareness among farmers about feeding balanced ration to milch animals.

Chairman, NDDB said that the Dairy Board intends to introduce Ration Balancing Programme in Himachal Pradesh to promote utilization of available



feed resources efficiently with value addition. He said that feeding a balanced ration to dairy animals has a significant impact on increasing milk production.

NDDB will support the State Government by making available quality frozen semen doses of indigenous breeds like Sahiwal and Red Sindhi for upgrading nondescript cattle breeds of Himachal Pradesh.

NDDB may implement a progeny testing project for Jersey cattle in the identified pockets of the state which would enable production of high genetic merit Jersey bulls to meet the requirement of Jersey bulls by the semen stations across the country.

Palampur semen station of the Animal Husbandry department is located in a crowded residential/commercial area and has no scope for expansion and strengthening bio-security. NDDB recommends to shift the Palampur semen station to a suitable location where ensuring biosecurity is feasible. NDDB also recommends that Aduwal semen station should be graded. NDDB will provide all technical and managerial assistance in relocating the semen station with complete bio security measures.

## डीआईडीएफ के तहत एनडीडीबी को दी गई 440 करोड़ रुपये की पहली किस्त

श्री राधामोहन सिंह, माननीय केंद्रीय कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ने 10881 करोड़ रुपये के परिव्यय के साथ डेयरी प्रसंस्करण एवं अवसंरचना विकास कोष की शुरुआत की। डेयरी किसानों की आमदनी दोगुनी करने के लिए तैयार डेयरी प्रसंस्करण एवं अवसंरचना विकास कोष (डीआईडीएफ) के तहत एनडीडीबी को 440 करोड़ रुपये की पहली किस्त दी गई। डेयरी प्रसंस्करण एवं अवसंरचना

