

Modern frozen semen station to be set up at Purnea

Shri Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister of Bihar and Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt of India laid the foundation stone of the frozen semen station at Maranga, Purnea on 12 May 2018. Energy Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav; Animal & Fish Resources Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras; Disaster Management Minister Dinesh Chandra Yadav; Art, Culture & Youth Affairs Minister Krishna Kumar Rishi; National Dairy Development Board Chairman Dilip Rath and Animal & Fish Resources Principal Secretary N Vijayalakshmi were present.

The National Dairy Development Board is helping establish the station. Shri Nitish Kumar said that the frozen semen station would greatly help in boosting the animal husbandry sector in the state as well as eastern part of the country. In his address, the Chief Minister of Bihar stressed the need of Artificial Insemination and hailed it as a major programme for breed improvement. This frozen semen station will play an important role in the proper and timely insemination of cows of indigenous breeds, which would in turn lead to an increase in milk production.

Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare said that the frozen semen station is being set up at a cost of ₹64 crore under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission with 100% contribution from the Central Government. Out of this, ₹20 crore has already been released. He said the artificial insemination techniques can increase milk production and productivity. Currently, the artificial insemination is being done by COMFED (Sudha) and its affiliated milk unions in Bihar.



The centre will develop modern bull shed, semen processing lab, feed and godown, agricultural equipment and other facilities. With 300 high genetic merit bulls and production of 50 lakh semen doses per year, this semen station will increase milk productivity of cows and buffaloes in the state. Red Sindhi, Bachaur, Gangatiri, Sahiwal breeds will also be nurtured.

Chairman, NDDB assured that this semen station will be one of the finest semen stations of the country. He highlighted NDDB's efforts in assisting COMFED and its affiliated milk unions in providing a stable cooperative environment for dairying. He emphasized on various interventions through National Dairy Plan in the form of Village Based Milk Procurement System, Ration Balancing Programme and Fodder Development programme being implemented in Bihar with a total outlay of about ₹41 crore.

Shri Rath conveyed that to meet the rising demand of milk the production rate needs to increase. Breed improvement is a simple and effective way to tackle this. Only 14 % of the breedable population in Bihar is covered by AI and rest 86 % is still uncovered. Chairman, NDDB assured that NDDB will ensure timely completion of the project.

Chairman, NDDB met Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to present a detailed project report for strengthening dairy cooperatives in Uttar Pradesh.

