

M.P. to offer cows for adoption online

Multiple programmes for donors

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The Madhya Pradesh government is going to launch an online service for those wanting to adopt a cow and provide sheds to them at *gaushalas* (cow shelters) across the State.

While paying for a cow's feed for 15 days would cost ₹1,100, one could take care of its diet for 10 years for ₹3 lakh. Feeding a cow for six months would cost ₹11,100.

"We have added an extra hundred to multiples of thousands of rupees as that's considered holy while making donations," said an official of the Animal Husbandry Department.

Through the service, donors would be able to pick a

gaushala from the 626 in the State, and pay the amount to fulfil a cow's diet of half a kilo of grain, five kilos of green feed and 10 kilos of wheat chaff a day, in case of a non-lactating, non-pregnant cow.

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"For now, donors wouldn't be able to pick a specific cow to feed. If that is allowed, it would be an injustice to other cows who may be left without proper feed and even starve," said the official. "But if the service receives a positive response, we may post details of cows with photographs online – say, of Bablu or Pirky – so that donors could pick their choice."