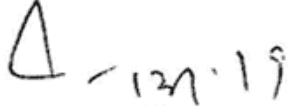


INVITATION FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

The Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Orissa, Mangalabag, Cuttack-753001, will engage a Consultant for better implementation and monitoring of Small Animal Development Programme.

The interested candidates having minimum qualification of B.V.Sc & A.H and expertise in the area of Small Animal Development Programmes are requested to send their applications for the Consultant, while furnishing other relevant particulars such as previous experience, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Consultancy fees and any other terms and conditions to the undersigned within 7 days.

The undersigned reserves the right of accepting or rejecting any or all offer without assigning the reason thereof.


**Director, A.H & V.S,
Orissa, Mangalabag,
Cuttack.**

**Development of Strategies for Small Animal Development Programme
in the Animal Resources Development Sector in Orissa
TOR- Consultant (Small Animal Development, Directorate of A.H&V.S, Cuttack)**

1. Background: The traditional goat husbandry system operates with the rearing of indigenous species in small numbers or in small flocks by individual families. There are also farmers who exclusively rear goats with a flock size of 10 to 80 goats. The input in term of financial investment for such type of goaterly is almost negligible/ immense potential for enhancing benefits from rearing goats by selective breeding and by providing the much-needed skill to the farmers for this.

The small ruminants, namely, sheep and goats are very important for the rural economy in Orissa. This activity will be most beneficial in all the districts of the State. Except in a few pockets of the coastal areas, the extensive system of rearing is adopted everywhere. Rearing of small ruminants is an important means of livelihood for over 40 per cent of the rural population and is being encouraged as a priority area in livestock breeding.

The fact that the small ruminant production activity could be a viable one in ecologically fragile zones is now being increasingly realized by the rural population and more and more households which had not been taking up this activity in the recent years, have of late, evinced keen interest in the programme activities. With a view to encouraging these activities some interventions have been made for giving the deserved thrust to this programme.

- A) Strengthening of existing Goat Farms:** The critical intervention in small ruminant farming is availability of the quality breeding male which will be ensured by strengthening the Departmental Goat Farms at 5 places to produce and meet the demand of the breeding male. The locally suitable breeds like Black Bengal, Ganjam etc. will be maintained at the Farms. This is aimed at promoting alternate/ supplementary income generation opportunities to livestock farmers throughout the year and to stop migration. Federating self help groups activity wise would help strengthen the enterprises and enhance the bargaining power of the community.
- B) Genetic Upgradation of indigenous goats for improving productivity:** This Project primarily aims at cross breeding of indigenous stock with improved breed for genetic upgradation. The project shall be undertaken in 12 districts of the State. The primary target groups of the Project are the poor tribal and scheduled caste families of below the poverty line. There is ample scope for enhancing the benefits from rearing goats through genetic upgradation through cross breeding and subsequent control of major diseases and parasites. The improved bucks of different breeds like Beetal, Sirohi, Jamunapari and Barbari will be provided to the farmers. The focus of the project is supply of breeding bucks of the suitable variety at the community level. The community will choose one person as 'Host' for maintaining the breeding buck. A good progressive farmer having entrepreneurial ability and possessing a minimum number of 10 goats will be chosen as the 'Host' by the goat-rearers of the selected area. Feeding, vaccination and routine deworming etc. will be taken care of by the 'Host'. The female goats will be bred by improved buck. Individual farmers will pay for each service to the 'Host'. The project seeks to attain the specific objectives like enhancing body weight through organized breeding by natural service by the breeding buck, increasing the milk yield of the female does and increasing the farmers' income from goat-rearing.

C) **Deworming of Goats:** The Project primarily aims at deworming of goats so as to increase the productivity in goat-rearing. Most of the farmers keep their animals on the ground. In the rainy season, the animals get soiled with mud and urine. This predisposes them for worm infestation. It is necessary to deworm the animals twice in a year at an interval of 6 months; once during the pre-monsoon and to be repeated after the monsoon is over. It is planned to cover 7 lakh goats under the routine deworming programme. The programme is being taken up on a mass camp basis in January and to be repeated again during July. The project seeks to attain the specific objectives like enhancing the body weight through routine deworming, reducing the mortality of goats, increasing the milk yield of the female does and increasing the farmers' income from goat farming.

2. Responsibilities:

In close coordination with the Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, the Consultant shall provide overall guidance with respect to the future course of action in the Small Animal Development sector and particularly support processes related to the development of small animals in the State.

- Review of progress made under Projects under the different components, namely, the strengthening of Goat Farms, Genetic Upgradation of Goats and Deworming of Goats.
- Conducting tour for 15 days to the districts for supervising and monitoring the activities under the Project.
- Impart necessary training to the Vets and Para-Vets.
- When not on tour, the consultant will be stationed at the Directorate of A.H & V.S, Cuttack for follow-up action to be taken on the Project in general as well as in respect of the observation gathered by him during his field tours/ visits.

3. Tenure, Consultancy Fees, Accommodation and Transportation: The Consultant would be required to work for a period of one year. A consultancy fees of Rs.15, 000/- per month shall be provided to him. Accommodation and transportation for tours to the field will be arranged. The expenditure on engaging his services for the one-year period will be met out of the funds of the Society for Prevention of Animal Diseases (SPAD).