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Subject: Minutes of the 6th Meeting of National Steering Committee of Central Sector Scheme National Animal Disease Control Programme - reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward the Minutes of the meeting of Sixth National Steering Committee of Central sector scheme National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India on 2nd September, 2021 through Video Conferencing for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosed: a/a



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MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMME (NADCP)

The 6th meeting of the National Steering Committee of National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary DAHD, Government of India, on 2nd of September 2021 at 11:00 am, through Video Conferencing.

The list of participants & States/UTs who joined the meeting through VC is placed in **Annexure I**.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants and thereafter, agenda-wise discussion was held, which is detailed as under -

AGENDA 1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Fifth NSC meeting held on 05th June 2020

The NSC was apprised regarding minutes of the last NSC meeting and thereafter the minutes were confirmed by the members.

AGENDA 2. Apprising activities under NADCP post Fifth NSC meeting

The Committee was apprised of the following major actions undertaken by DAHD post the last meeting of NSC in June 2020 –

- OIE's approval for continuation of India's official FMD control programme (NADCP)
- Conveying sero-monitoring/sero-surveillance sampling plans to States/UTs for both FMD and Brucellosis vaccination
- Inclusion of FMD and Brucella vaccine in National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) 2021 of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOH&FW)
- Halting round I FMD vaccination upon vaccines not complying with prescribed quality standards. Replacing non-compliant FMD vaccines, collaboration with vaccine manufacturers post FMD vaccine quality failure; collaboration with OIE's World Reference Laboratory at Pirbright Institute, UK for developing and standardizing alternative tests for testing FMD vaccine quality
- Re-commencement of supply of FMD vaccine (vaccination underway in 3 districts of Andhra Pradesh).
- Procurement and supply of Brucella vaccine post quality testing. Commencement of Brucella vaccination in 8 States/UTs (Gujarat, Odisha, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Haryana, Telangana, Delhi, Chandigarh, Manipur)

Further, in the meeting, members were apprised that already 1.45 crore FMD vaccines are ready for supply (after complying with quality tests) and would be supplied within a week to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Delhi and Puducherry (Yanam). Subsequently, upon complying with quality tests, further quantity of FMD vaccines would be supplied to more States.

There were various other issues raised by States regarding availability of vaccines, standard testing protocol for testing FMD-HS vaccines, supply of vaccines during outbreaks etc. It was clarified that for any ring vaccination to be conducted for FMD during an outbreak, States/UTs could procure vaccines from market directly as per the approved rate under NADCP or at the discovered rate by them, without waiting for any instructions or permission

from the Department. It was also clarified that funding for this purpose could be made available under ASCAD for vaccine procurement, etc.

Joint Secretary (LH) requested States/UTs to strive to ear-tag each animal physically and carry out vaccination diligently otherwise it would be difficult to achieve the programme's objectives. It was also suggested that to ensure tagging of animals, an advisory could be sent to all Milk Cooperatives to allow milk pouring by dairy farmers only with tag numbers of animals specified/provided by farmers for traceability of milk and milk products. Some of the States/UTs raised concerns over the time limit set for uploading data of FMD vaccination on INAPH. To this, it was clarified that the date of uploading of data on INAPH would be considered for extension.

AGENDA 3. Ratification of proposals approved by Secretary (AHD)

The agenda regarding the appointment and extension of services of M/s Total Business Solutions India Pvt Ltd as the Programme Survey Agency was presented to the NSC. It was informed that M/s. Total Business Solutions India Pvt Ltd (TBSI) has been appointed for telephonic evaluation of NADCP and NAIP (the two flagship programmes of DAHD). While the duration of engagement was one year (and extendable by one year), the need for extending the contract for another year (from 9/5/2021 to 8 May 2022) is felt as the next round of FMD vaccination as well as Brucella vaccination have already commenced. The NSC, after deliberating on the issue approved, *post facto*, the appointment of PSA as well as extension of its engagement for another year on the same terms and conditions.

It was emphasized that States/UTs should undertake vaccination intensively and that the States/UTs should have their own call centre for monitoring on-field vaccinations. They should consolidate the received responses and reconcile them with the data /analysis given by the central PSA, and ensure that every eligible animal is vaccinated and sampling for sero-monitoring and sero-surveillance is done.

AGENDA 4. Activities and financial proposals for 2021-2022

At present, the vaccinator's remuneration is Rs. 3/- and Rs. 4/- per vaccination, Rs. 2.50/- per animal for ear tagging and data entry. The challenges and issues have been raised by various States that the rates of remuneration are inadequate to incentivize the vaccinators. States have also mentioned about occupational hazards involved, like restraining animals, handling Brucella live vaccine, a zoonotic disease; irregular engagement and ear tagging as one-time process; current rates being lower than MGNREGA daily wage rates; difficulty in outsourcing local vaccinators. In view of these challenges, the revision in remuneration rates were deliberated and considered.

Haryana enquired that since tagging is mostly done by government employees, whether or not they would be eligible for remuneration for the same. It was clarified that remuneration can be provided to the govt employees as well. Odisha requested for an increase in vaccination remuneration rates. Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura were of the opinion that due to the challenging terrain in the NER, separate rates should be provided for the NER states. Further, Tripura proposed that the remuneration for data entry be increased by 1 rupee. This was seconded by Manipur and Meghalaya. Tripura and Telangana mentioned the issues regarding data entry on INAPH due to inadequate remuneration. Also,

the fact that manpower for entering data on INAPH could be outsourced was reiterated. Further, while some states requested upward revision in the existing rates for vaccination and tagging, some stated that possibility of ear tagging increases with vaccination taken together.

After deliberation regarding the rates for vaccination, ear tagging and uploading their data on the INAPH portal, the Committee agreed with the revised rates for such activities as under -

Activity	Item	Current rate of remuneration per animal	Approved Remuneration per animal – States other than NER and Hilly States (Rs.)	Approved Remuneration per animal – NER + Hilly States/UTs (Rs.)
Ear tagging and registration in INAPH for large animals including pig	Ear Tagging	2.50/- (including uploading on INAPH)	14/-	15/-
Ear tagging and registration in INAPH for small animals	Ear Tagging	-do-	6/-	6.5/-
FMD vaccination of large animals including pig	FMD vaccination	3/- (including uploading on INAPH)	10/-	11/-
FMD vaccination of small animals	FMD vaccination	-do-	3/-	3.5/-
Brucella vaccination	Brucella vaccination	4/- (including uploading on INAPH)	12/-	13/-
Data Uploading	For ear tagging, FMD and Brucella vaccinations	Not given separately	2/-	2.5/-

However, these rates for ear tagging will be effective from 2nd September 2021 and from date of commencement of current rounds of vaccinations against FMD and Brucellosis, respectively.

The Chairman further requested the States/UTs to immediately administer the remaining large ear tags and complete the tagging for the target bovine population. Further, he also requested the States/UTs to reconcile the INAPH and On- ground gap in vaccination and tagging data. He also mentioned that since PPR and CSF is scheduled to commence shortly, under the LH&DC scheme, the ear tagging of small animals should be done under PPR/CSF programme through small tags already supplied under NADCP.

The Chairman further stated that there is a 100 percent funding for Mobile Veterinary Units under the revised Livestock Health & Disease Control Scheme for infrastructure like mobile vans and equipment. All States were requested to avail this opportunity and send proposals. All States were requested to send in their proposals for call centres for MVUs under LH&DC scheme and other concurrent verification call centres/ survey agencies under NADCP. States should send the proposals expeditiously lest the funds are not available in the current financial year.

Chairperson requested cooperation of all States for taking adequate precaution and preventive measures to prevent any outbreaks by meticulously working out vaccination strategy with the limited supply currently.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure – 1

A) List of Participants

Sr. #	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Atul Chaturvedi	Secretary DAHD
2.	Shri Upamanyu Basu	Joint Secretary (LH)
3.	Shri Praveen Malik	AHC DAHD
4.	Dr. Sujit Nayak	JC (LH)
5.	Dr. Anirban Guha	AC (LH)
6.	Dr. Rajiv Khosla	Regional Officer (LH)
7.	Dr. Jyoti Misri	Principal Scientist – ICAR Representative of DDG (AS) ICAR
8.	D.K. Chaudhary	Director (Budget) DAHD Representative of AS&FA DAHD
9.	Members of PMA Team	-

B) List of States & UTs who participated through Video Conferencing

Gujarat	Karnataka	Manipur	Meghalaya	Mizoram
Tamil Nadu	Uttar Pradesh	Uttarakhand	West Bengal	Jammu & Kashmir
Meghalaya	Maharashtra	Odisha	Bihar	Sikkim
Goa	Himachal Pradesh	Kerala	Assam	Punjab
Tripura	Chhattisgarh	Lakshadweep	Telangana	Madhya Pradesh
Haryana	Ladakh	Goa		