

**SCHEME FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF TURKEY POULTS
TO BELOW POVERTY LINE FARMERS FOR
BACKYARD MEAT PRODUCTION**

A. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) The scheme shall be called "Distribution of Turkey Poults to Below Poverty Line Farmers under 50% Subsidy for Backyard Meat Production in the Union territory of Puducherry".

(2) It shall be extended to all the regions of Union territory of Puducherry.

(3) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

B. Objective.— To help the farmers below poverty line to improve their income by encouraging them to rear turkey poults at their backyards.

C. Scope.— Assistance by way of subsidy of 50% shall be provided only to below poverty line farmers.

D. Eligibility.— The beneficiary must be a resident of the Union territory of Puducherry and possess suitable place for rearing turkey poults at their backyard and produce proof therefor. The beneficiary should produce suitable evidence to prove that he/she is a below poverty line citizen.

E. Targeted group.— All the below poverty line residents of Puducherry Union Territory fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

A minimum of 20% of scheduled caste community is likely to be covered by the scheme.

F. Scheme.— The scheme envisages distribution of turkey poults of not less than 6 weeks of age. The farmer shall maintain the birds to a minimum of 6 months for meat production and if he still desires, he may keep the turkey and breed.

Scheme unit.— A maximum of four number of turkey poults can be issued to a below poverty line farmer by the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon.

G. Methodology of scheme.— The Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the Veterinary Dispensaries of the respective regions shall distribute the turkey poults to the eligible farmers after receiving the selection list from the Selection Committee only.

1. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the Veterinary Dispensaries of the respective regions shall put up a notice at their office regarding calling for application for distribution of turkey poults and collect necessary application from farmers alongwith proof for fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

2. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the Veterinary Dispensaries of the respective regions shall themselves ascertain the eligibility of the farmers by collecting a copy of the ration card and necessary proof for below poverty line status of the farmers requesting turkey poults and place the same before the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose.

3. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the Veterinary Dispensaries of the respective dispensary shall publish the list of beneficiaries duly signed by the Selection Committee Member in the notice board of the dispensary and keep a record of distribution and the beneficiaries list.

H. Committee constituted for fixing up of sale price of the turkey poults at 50% subsidy.—

Sl. No.	Region	Chairman	Member-Secretary	Member
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Puducherry	Joint Director(AH)	Joint Director (Poultry)	Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, In charge of the Departmental Poultry Farm of Puducherry.

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2	Karaikal	Joint Director(AH)	Joint Director (Poultry)	Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, In charge of the Departmental Poultry Farm of Karaikal.
3	Mahe	Joint Director(AH)	Joint Director (Poultry)	Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, In charge of the Departmental Poultry Farm of Mahe.
4	Yanam	Joint Director(AH)	Joint Director (Poultry)	Agricultural Officer, Yanam.

The Department shall purchase suitable 6 weeks turkey poults and arrange for supply to the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons for implementing the scheme or shall purchase day old turkey poults and rear up to 6 weeks in the Departmental Poultry Farms set up at various regions as per the availability of space in the Government Poultry Farm. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Government Poultry Farms will work out the expenditure inclusive of all charges i.e., cost of poults, feed, medication, vaccination and other incidentals and furnish to the committee constituted for the purpose of fixing the production cost.

The Members of the Committee shall place a proposal for subsidising the cost of production to the Director of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare, Puducherry to 50% for distribution and get an approval. The sanction for release of subsidy shall be sought along with the list of beneficiaries. After approval, the committee shall communicate to the Drawing and Disbursing Officers of the respective regions for implementation of the scheme.

Accordingly, the Drawing and Disbursing Officers shall inform the dates of distribution to the public through the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the respective jurisdictions in which the turkey poults are to be distributed.

I. Pattern of assistance.— Based on the subsidised rate fixed by the Director of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare or revised from time to time on the recommendation of the committee constituted for the purpose, the turkey poults shall be distributed to the eligible farmers identified by the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the respective jurisdictions of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare at the subsidised rate.

J. Inspection and health coverage.— The Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the respective regions of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare shall provide for inspection and health coverage. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeons shall provide all technical guidance for the maintenance of the health of the poults.

K. Recovery and cancellation of subsidy.— (1) The beneficiary shall submit an undertaking that he/she will continue to run the unit and that he / she shall not sell away the stock.

(2) If it is proved/found subsequently that the beneficiary has violated the conditions is a defaulter and that he has misused the subsidy, the subsidy granted to him will be recovered by the Government apart from taking penal action as per law against him/her.

L. Impact assessment.— (1) Six months after setting up of the turkey units, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon of the jurisdiction should verify the beneficiaries and report to the Member-Secretary about the progress of the schemes. The report should contain the growth rate of turkey poults mortality, profit / loss earned by the beneficiaries and the continuity of the scheme in respect of arrangement for next batch.

(2) The Joint Director in charge of the scheme should verify at least 30% of the beneficiary after 9 months and submit a report to the Director regarding the success rate of the turkey farm and opinion for continuity of assistance for the next year.

M. Social audit.— (1) Enumeration of the benefit of the scheme will be done by the students of schools (9th and 11th NSS students) and NGOs who shall prepare an enumeration report on the implementation of the scheme in every institution in which the scheme