

Secretary of Animal Resource Development Department at press conference

**76,426 cows in the state have been brought under artificial
insemination under the Mukhyamantri Unnat Godhan Scheme**

With the aim of increasing milk production in the state as well as creating employment opportunities, the Mukhyamantri Unnat Godhan Scheme has been launched. This scheme will run till the financial year 2022-23. The government will spend a total of 15 crore 72 lakh 48 thousand rupees for subsidy in this scheme. A target of 3 lakh 12 thousand doses of artificial insemination through frozen semen has been taken within the stipulated period of project implementation. T.K Debnath, Secretary of Animal Resources Development Department, gave this information in a press conference organized at the secretariat's press conference hall yesterday. He said that the amount of government subsidy for each dose of sex-assigned frozen sperm in this scheme is 504 rupees. He said that till July 2022, 1,29,923 doses have been administered to 76,426 cows in the state for artificial insemination. As of July 2022, 13,266 female calves were born under this scheme which is close to 90 % in terms of percentage.

The Secretary also said that the government has taken initiative to provide balance diet at 50 percent subsidized price for female calves born under this project. It will cost a total of 5 crore 25 lakh rupees. He said that 120 hybrid breed of female calves from outside the state have been given to the beneficiaries with the financial support of the North Eastern Council and the state government. Another 120 will be given to the beneficiaries. He said, to give the benefits of this scheme to the people, extensive publicity is being done by the department. Gram sabhas have already been held in 1,178 villages of the state. Training for artificial insemination is being organized under the initiative of the department. He said that currently the annual demand of milk in the state is 2 lakh 57 thousand 480 metric tons. The Secretary mentioned various project programmes under the National Livestock Mission. He said, Rural Poultry Farm Programme of the National Livestock Mission has facilities for entrepreneurs to get capital subsidy of 50 percent or up to Rs. 25 lakhs for the construction of brooder houses. There is provision of subsidy on capital up to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh for construction of goat or sheep farm. There is provision for subsidy of 50 percent on capital or up to a maximum of Rs. 30 lakh for construction of farm in rearing piglet. Entrepreneurs have the facility to get 50 percent subsidy on capital or capital subsidy up to Rs. 50 lakh in construction of animal food factory. General Manager of TLDA, Dr. Anadi Shankar Bhattacharya and Deputy Director of Animal Resources Development Department, Dr. Tamal Kishore Roy were also present at the press conference.