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Maharashtra Sheep Development Corporation
Establishment of - as Government Company

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Agriculture and Cooperation Department,
Resolution No. SDS 1078/143(1834)/5-ADF,
Mantralaya Annexe,
Bombay-400 032. 22nd February, 1978.

R E S O L U T I O N

1. In Maharashtra, there are 2.1 million sheep of which, a major number is concentrated in the dry and scarcity areas of Pune, Ahmednagar, Satara, Solapur, Sangli and Kolhapur districts. Geological formation and soils, rainfall, temperature, cropping seasons, water and fodder resources and sheep husbandry practices provide great scope for the development of the sheep in this State. Sheep rearing occupation in the State is largely in the hands of nomadic shepherds who have to migrate from place to place in search of food and water for their flocks. Generally, flocks from scarcity areas start migrating from their villages in the scarcity areas from October onwards, every year.

2. The breed and sheep reared in Maharashtra is known as 'Deshi' or 'Deccani'. This breed is not quite pure one. The yield of wool obtained from these sheep is not only low in quantity but also of an inferior quality. This wool is, therefore, used mainly for the production of country blankets. The sheep in Maharashtra are, therefore, reared mainly for meat and manure. Apart from wool and meat, the sheep in the State are also valued for their manure. The sheep manure has a great demand in intensive agricultural zones where it fetches a very good price. Some income also comes from sheep skins. There is a great scope for increasing export of sheep skins and also their utilisation for making fancy items which can also be exported with profit. In spite of these advantages, the status of the shepherd community in the State has not appreciably improved all these years. The nomadic and unstable life of the breeders, their poor land holdings and financial position, their illiteracy and ignorance about the improved techniques of breeding, feeding and management, including wool harvesting and disease control measures, poor feeding conditions and poor marketing and financing facilities, are also factors responsible for the backwardness of the shepherd community in the State.

3. In order, therefore, to ameliorate the conditions of the shepherd community in the State, it is necessary to provide (i) better feeding facilities for the genetic improvement of the native sheep for higher production, both under stationary and nomadic type, (ii) better feeding for both stationary and nomadic type, (iii) intensive health cover and diagnostic facilities, (iv) services in wool harvesting and classification, (v) suitable marketing facilities for sheep and sheep products and (vi) technical know-how about sheep rearing.

In order to achieve this, Government had under its consideration a proposal to set up a Sheep Development Corporation. The primary intention was to develop sheep and promote the lot of the shepherd community. //

4. Government is accordingly pleased to direct that a Corporation be formed under the Registration of Companies Act, to be a State Government Private Limited Company. The Corporation should be named as "Maharashtra Sheep Development Corporation". This Corporation will undertake various activities in

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the field of better breeding facilities for the genetic improvement of native sheep, better feeding, provision of health over & diagnostic facilities and services, harvesting and suitable marketing facilities for sheep and sheep products and finally arrange for the dissemination of technical know-how about sheep rearing amongst the shepherds. //

5. Government is also pleased to sanction an initial expenditure of about Rs. 50,000/- as detailed below :-

Item	Rs.
(i) Filing fees	18,500
(a) for Memorandum of Association	60
(b) for Articles of Association	
(ii) Stamp Duty	100
(a) for Memorandum of Association	15,000
(b) for Articles of Association	
Total (i)+(ii)	33,660
(iii) Printing of copies of Memorandum and Articles of Association.	5,000
(iv) Expenditure required for setting up of the office of the Corporation (i.e. on furniture, equipment, stationery, etc.)	10,000
Grand Total	48,660
that is,	50,000

6. This expenditure should be debited to the budget head 540-Capital Outlay on Animal Husbandry (e) Sheep and Wool "Development" and met from the advance of Rs. 50,000/- from the Contingency Fund sanctioned in Government Memorandum, Finance Department No. CNF 1178/196/BUD-14, dated the 17th February, 1978. A token supplementary demand should be submitted to the Legislative Assembly at its Monsoon Session in order to bring the expenditure and the scheme to its notice.

7. This Resolution issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its un-official reference No. 10/78/EXP-7, dated the 14th February, 1978.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Maharashtra;

(M.V. Saraph)
Section Officer, Government of Maharashtra.

- To:
- The Director of Animal Husbandry, Maharashtra State, Pune (with 50 copies).
 - The Regional Director, of Animal Husbandry, Bombay/Pune/Nagpur/Aurangabad. /Deputy
 - * The Managing Director, Maharashtra Agro Industries Development Corporation, Bombay.

* The Managing Director,
MAFCO, Bombay.

The Accountant General, Maharashtra I, Bombay.

The Accountant General, Maharashtra II, Nagpur.

The Planning Department.

The Finance Department (EXP-7).

The Finance Department (BUD-14).

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