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Directions issued under Section 39 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009 - Designated NDLM Officers for Bharat Pashudhan Portal

Whereas, the effective implementation of vaccination programmes under the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) and other centrally sponsored schemes is critical to ensure the health of livestock and to prevent outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, and other notifiable diseases;

Whereas, The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, has established the National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM) - Bharat Pashudhan portal as unified, transparent, and accountable digital infrastructure for livestock data management across the country. The vaccination and delivery of other health and breeding services for the livestock is being monitored through NDLM;

Whereas, Section 30 of the Act, 2009 mandates that all officers of the State Government and officers of local authorities shall give immediate information to the Veterinary Officer and to the Veterinarian having jurisdiction in the area regarding the prevalence of a scheduled disease amongst any animal or species of animals, in the area;

Whereas, it has been observed that coordination between State, District, Block and Panchayat-level functionaries is essential for efficient vaccine delivery, cold chain maintenance, and reporting of vaccination coverage and outcomes;

Whereas, it has been observed that there is a need to nominate designated officers for the effective data management in NDLM at State, District, Block, Municipal city, Veterinary dispensary (cluster of gram panchayat/ municipal ward) and Gram Panchayat/ Municipal Ward Level.

Whereas, under the provisions of Section 39 of the Act, the Central Government may issue directions to State Governments as may be necessary for the implementation of the provisions of the Act and programmes thereunder;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 39 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009, the Central Government hereby directs all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to designate NDLM officers in the following manner:-

1. RURAL AREAS

1.1 Gram Panchayat Level NDLM Officer (PNO):

State Government or an officer authorized by the State Government shall designate a Livestock supervisor level worker as PNO. The Panchayat Level NDLM Officer will normally be the livestock worker (Government employee) responsible for delivery of livestock services in the Gram Panchayat area. If this is not feasible in certain areas, then as a secondary alternative an employee of the Village Dairy Cooperative Society/ Milk Union/village panchayat officer may be so designated. In exceptional cases, some other government employee at Gram Panchayat level may be designated as PNO. For gram panchayat having large number of livestock population or large geographical area, more than one PNO can be designated for mutually exclusive geographical areas.

The roles and responsibilities of the Gram Panchayat level officer (PNO) will be as follows:

- i. To ensure accuracy and completeness of livestock and livestock owners records.
- ii. To ensure up-dation of Aadhar and Mobile numbers of all Livestock owners.
- iii. To ensure that there are no lags/delays in data entry by the field level workers.
- iv. To ensure that all changes in animal population due to movement of livestock animals, death, birth, etc. are updated in Bharat Pashudhan systems by the village field level worker.
- v. To ensure that any suspected occurrence of known and unknown animal disease are reported on NDLM portal for review of the veterinary officer.
- vi. Ensuring that all veterinary and animal husbandry service in his/her jurisdictional area are delivered through NDLM portal in accordance with guidelines.
- vii. Implementation of guidelines issued in respect of NDLM portal from time to time in his/her jurisdiction.

1.2 Cluster Level (Veterinary Dispensary level) NDLM Officer (CNO): State Government or an officer authorized by the State Government shall designate a senior most veterinarian posted at veterinary dispensary serving cluster of gram panchayats as

officer in charge for supervising work of PNOs for gram panchayats being served by the dispensary as applicable to state.

The roles and responsibilities of the CNO shall be:

- i. Supervision of the works related to NDLM in the jurisdictional area.
- ii. Review of suspected occurrence of known or unknown animal disease that is reported by PNO.
- iii. Ensuring the accuracy and regular up-dation and reporting of data on NDLM portal.
- iv. Creation and maintenance of accounts for all functionaries under his/her area of jurisdiction
- v. Ensuring that all veterinary and animal husbandry service in his/her jurisdictional area are delivered through NDLM portal in accordance with guidelines.
- vi. Implementation of guidelines issued in respect of NDLM portal from time to time in his/her jurisdiction.

1.3 Block Level NDLM Officer (BNO):

State Government or an officer authorized by the State Government (District Level Officer) shall designate Block level Veterinary officer of Animal Husbandry Department of the State/UT as BNO.

The roles and responsibilities of the BNO shall be:

- i. Overall supervision of the NDLM work including work of PNO and CNOs in the Block.
- ii. Ensuring accuracy of NDLM data and regular reporting of data on NDLM
- iii. Confirming the Reporting the occurrence of any disease.
- iv. Creation and maintenance of accounts for all functionaries under his/her area of jurisdiction
- v. Ensuring that all veterinary and animal husbandry service in his/her jurisdictional area are delivered through NDLM portal in accordance with the guidelines.
- vi. Implementation of guidelines issued in respect of NDLM portal from time to time in his/her jurisdiction

2. Urban Areas:

2.1 Municipal Corporations areas:

2.1.1 Ward Level NDLM Officer (WLNO):

State Government or an officer authorized by the State Government (Municipal Commissioner/Chief Veterinary Officer/ the Veterinary officer in-charge of hospital located in the municipal city etc.) shall designate a Livestock supervisor level worker/Sanitary Inspector/any other government employee of equivalent level as WLNO. The WLNO shall normally be the livestock worker /sanitary inspector responsible for delivery of livestock /sanitary services in the Municipal area. In case of non-availability of sufficient number workers in municipal area or smaller geographical area of wards, one worker can be entrusted with responsibility of more than one ward. The State Government may also consider other government employees working in the Municipal area for appointment as WLNO as deemed appropriate.

The roles and responsibilities of the WLNO shall be:

- i. Registration of Livestock/pet owners with Aadhar and Phone Numbers.
- ii. Registration of Livestock/pet including stary animals with Tag Numbers/chips in the Data Base.
- iii. Addition & registration of new birth, purchase etc. along with owners with Aadhar & Phone Numbers
- iv. Deletion of animals in case of death, sales etc.
- v. Ensuring the entry of vaccinations, AI and other Interventions on Animals done by service providers like vaccinators, AI providers etc.
- vi. Reporting of suspected occurrence of known or unknown animal disease in the NDLM.

2.1.2 Zonal Level NDLM Officer (ZLNO):

State Government or an officer authorized by the State Government (Municipal Commissioner/Chief Veterinary Officer/ the Veterinary officer in-charge of hospital located in the municipal city etc.) shall designate one veterinarian of Animal Husbandry department or equivalent level officer of Municipality as Zonal level Veterinary officer as ZLNO for supervising work of cluster of wards .

The roles and responsibilities of the ZLNO shall be:

- i. Overall, Supervision of the NDLM related work including work of WLNOs in the Zone.
- ii. Creation and maintenance of accounts for all functionaries under his/ her area jurisdiction.
- iii. Generation of reports and ensuring the cleanliness of Data.
- iv. All other works related to NDLM.

v. Review of suspected occurrence of known or unknown animal disease that is reported by WLNO.

2.1.3 City Level NDLM Officer (CLNO):

State Government or an officer authorized by the State Government (Municipal Commissioner/Chief Veterinary Officer/ the Veterinary officer in-charge of hospital located in the municipal city etc.) shall designate one senior veterinarian of Animal Husbandry department or any other officer of Municipality as City level NDLM officer (CLNO). In addition, the State/UT administration may also appoint a team of officers/staff to assist the CLNO.

The roles and responsibilities of the CLNO shall be:

- i. Overall, Coordination of the NDLM related work including work of WLNOs and ZNOs in the City.
- ii. Creation and maintenance of accounts for all admin functionaries.
- iii. Generation of reports and ensuring the cleanliness of Data.
- iv. All other works related to NDLM.

2.2 Other Municipalities/Cantonment Towns/Other Notified Towns/ Nagar Panchayats

2.2.1 Ward Level NDLM Officer (WLNO).

State Government or an officer authorized by the State Government (Chief Executive Officer of Municipality/Chief Veterinary Officer/ the Veterinary officer in-charge of hospital located in the municipal city etc.) shall designate a Livestock supervisor level worker/Sanitary Inspector/ any other government employee of equivalent level as WLNO. The WLNO shall normally be the livestock worker /sanitary Inspector responsible for delivery of livestock services in the Municipal area. In case of non-availability of workers in municipal area or small area of ward, one worker can be entrusted with responsibility of more than one ward. The State Government may also consider other government employees working in the Municipal area for appointment as WLNO as deemed appropriate.

The roles and responsibility of the Ward level Officer in charge shall be:

- i. Registration of Livestock/pet owners with Aadhar and Phone Numbers.
- ii. Registration of Livestock/pet with Tag Numbers/chips in the Data Base.
- iii. Addition (birth, purchase etc.) & deletion (death, sales etc.) of animals in NDLM.
- iv. Ensuring the entry of vaccinations, AI and other Interventions on Animals done by service providers like vaccinators, AI providers etc.

- v. Reporting of suspected occurrence of known or unknown animal disease in the NDLM.

2.2.2 Municipality Level NDLM Officer (MLNO)/Town Level NDLM Officer (TLNO):

State Government or an officer authorized by the State Government (Executive Officer of Municipality/ Chief Veterinary Officer/ the Veterinary officer in-charge of hospital located in the municipal city etc) shall designate Municipality Level Health officer or any other officer of equivalent seniority from Animal Husbandry department of state/UT posted in the municipality as MLNO.

- i. Overall, Supervision of the NDLM related work including work of WLNOs in the Municipality.
- ii. Creation and maintenance of accounts for all functional roles.
- iii. All other works related to NDLM in the Municipality.
- iv. Review of suspected occurrence of known or unknown animal disease that is reported by WLNO.

3. District Level NDLM Officer (DNO):

The District head of Animal Husbandry Department or Second in Command/any other senior officer (senior veterinarian) working in the office of District level officer of Animal Husbandry Department of State/UT shall be designated as District NDLM Officer by the State Govt. / UT Administration. DNO shall be assisted by Supervisors/ Enumerators engaged in Integrated Sample Survey by DAHD at District/City level.

The roles and responsibilities of the DNO shall be:

- i. Overall Coordination of the NDLM related work in the District.
- ii. Creation and maintenance of accounts for all functionaries at block level, cluster level and village panchayat level.
- iii. Generation of reports and ensuring the cleanliness/ updation of Data.
- iv. All other works related to NDLM including monitoring.

4. State/UT level NDLM Officer (SNO):

Director of Animal Husbandry Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Director from the Directorate of Animal Husbandry of the State/UT shall be designated as the State/UT level NDLM officer (SNO) for the NDLM portal. SNO shall be assisted by Deputy Director (ISS) and Project Management Units (PMU) provided by the DAHD.

The roles and responsibilities of the SNO shall be:

- i. Overall Coordination of the NDLM related work in the State/UT.
- ii. Creation and maintenance of accounts for District level officers.
- iii. Monitor and review quality of data at all levels.
- iv. All other works related to NDLM including monitoring of progress.

Orders designating the nodal officers at all levels as above shall be issued by the State/UT Government/ an officer authorized by the State /UT Government and mapped on the NDLM portal within 60 days from issuance of this order.

This issue with the approval of the competent authority.



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Director

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