

Special Livestock Insurance Scheme (SCSP) for the year 2017-18.

It is a continued scheme, which is proposed to be implemented in the State during the year 2017-18 also. The scheme in principle stands approved by the Government in the State Budget for the year 2017-18 an amount of Rs. 5.00 crores is earmarked for this scheme. The detail of the scheme and basic data of livestock is as under:-

BASIC DATA OF LIVESTOCK AMONG SCHEDULED CASTE FAMILIES:

According to the livestock census 2007, about 22.27 lac families are rearing one or other type of livestock in the State out of which 8.86 lacs are Scheduled Caste families who are generally resource poor. Occupation wise, out of a total 8.86 lacs Scheduled Caste families, 44% exclusively depends on Animal Husbandry & Agriculture and 56% on other sectors including service sector. Out of total livestock population in the State, Scheduled Caste families possess 23% of the livestock although of low genetic merit. Scheduled Caste families contribute substantively in the Animal Husbandry sector and it is the major occupation of these families.

The trend of rearing of livestock species by Scheduled Caste families in the State as per livestock census 2007 is given in the following table:-

Species	Total (in lac no.)	Owned by SCs (in lac no.)	Percentage
Bovine	75.30	12.35	16.30
Goat	4.60	2.84	61.74
Sheep	6.33	4.60	72.67
Pigs	1.20	0.99	82.50
Total	87.88	20.78	23.65

The above table shows that out of the total livestock population in the State, 60 to 80% of Sheep, Goat and Pig are reared by Scheduled Caste families whereas milch animals only 16%.

This scheme is for the benefit and the welfare of the Scheduled Caste families engaged in rearing of livestock. This Special Livestock Insurance Scheme for Scheduled Caste families will be available throughout the State. Insurance of the animals of livestock units

established under the 'Scheme for Providing Employment Opportunities to Scheduled Castes (SCSP)' being implemented by the Department by establishing livestock units i.e. dairy, piggery, sheep and goat units, will be done free of cost under this scheme. Besides insurance of animals of established units as mentioned above, milch buffalo, milch cattle, sheep, goat, pigs, pack animals (mule, horse, ponny, donkey) and camel would also be insured free of cost under the scheme-

Publicity of the scheme

A wide publicity of this scheme is to be made for which a minimum sum of Rs. 50,000/- per district totaling to Rs. 11.00 lac for the year 2017-18, is proposed and this amount will be borne by the State Government under the scheme.

The entire cost of insurance premium, publicity expenses and honorarium to Veterinary Surgeons will be borne by the State Govt. under the scheme. Honorarium @ Rs. 50/- for issuance of health certificate and @ Rs. 100/- on post-mortem certificate will be provided to the Veterinary Surgeon.