

An Effective implementation of Sub-Mission on Fodder and Feed Scheme will play a major role in increasing the return on investment for farmers in the country, Discuss.

Introduction:

The sub mission on Fodder and Feed scheme will be beneficial to the farmers in enhancing their livelihoods. A study by Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute came up with results that India is short of 23-4 kg of dry fodder and 11-24 kg of green fodder. and the Indian's livestock's milk productivity is 20-60% lower when compared to global Average. Since most of the small and marginal scale farmers are dependent on livestock for their income, This scheme would be beneficial for those farmers.

Beneficiaries:

- Agriculture and livestock are interrelated.
- 30% of output from Agriculture comes from livestock.
- Since 70% of women are involved in Animal Husbandry and dairying, this scheme would be of great boon to them.
- Most of the vulnerable populations are involved in this sector, and hence increasing the fodder and feed of livestock will be useful to them.

Importance of Livestock

Livestock serves as a source of subsidiary income for people involved in Agriculture.

- In instances of famine and drought, Livestock serves as a social security for farmers.
- It provides us with dung cakes and manure which can be used as a fuel.
- Farmers use these bullocks for ploughing.
- It provides us with animal protein, which helps in combating nutritional deficiencies.

Sub mission On Fodder and Feed Scheme, helps in increasing the nutrition of livestock, which would enhance the income of farmers.

Constraints: and challenges

In the recent days, livestock are suffering from various diseases eg. Foot and Mouth diseases, which would affect the farmers and their livelihoods. So, this scheme would increase the feed & fodder of livestock makes it healthy & prevents it from various diseases.

Since, most of the indigenous breeds in our country are declining, we should expand the coverage of Artificial Insemination and increase the scope of Animal husbandry and Dairying.

Conclusion:

This scheme would essentially be beneficial to farmers, on increasing their income. Like, milk Revolution which helped in enhancing the Dairying & Animal husbandry & created employment opportunity to farmers, we should come up with various projects & programmes, which would enhance the income of farmers.