

Augmentation of Egg Production by Special Backyard Poultry Farming Programme through Distribution of Chicks & Ducklings among Individual Beneficiaries under State Plan (SP) in 2021-22

In light with a view to make state self-sufficient in egg production by December 2023 besides the production of eggs by the private entrepreneur, poultry development in rural areas is a major tool to increase in egg production.

With a view of objectives like (a) to make the state self-sufficient in egg production; (b) to meet up the nutritional requirement of the State (c) to increase the per capita availability of egg (d) to nourish the mal-nourished children; (e) to generate Self employment of women of rural areas and (e) for sustainable growth of rural economy, this Department has given special thrust to make state self-sufficient in egg production by December 2023. Initiation has been taken to bridge the gap between demand and supply of eggs in the state from our own production.

A scheme "Backyard Poultry Farming Programme through Distribution of Chicks & Ducklings among Individual Beneficiaries under SP 2021-22" for distribution of 28 days old (involving Mother Brooding Unit) 50 lakh(48 Lakh chicks & 2 Lakh ducklings produced from Govt. Poultry/Duck farms) to 4.8 lakh and 0.2 lakh individual beneficiaries has already been initiated with a unit cost of Rs.600/- and Rs.750/- for chicks and ducklings respectively.

Again a target has been fixed to distribution 28 days old (involving Mother Brooding Unit) of another 50 lakh (45 Lakh chicks & 5 lakh ducklings) in 2021-22, 1 crore (90 Lakh chicks & 10 lakh ducklings) in 2022-23 and 1.5 crore (1.35 crore chicks & 15 lakh ducklings) in 2023-24 will be distributed among 5 lakh, 10 lakh and 15 lakh beneficiaries respectively. **For this target in 2021-22 the chicks (RIR/LIT variety) may be procured from outsource maintaining all the Govt. Norms(the L1 bidder is selected at Directorate end) and ducklings produced at WBLDC farm (Kalyani Duck Breeding Farm) with a new unit cost as the cost of chicks/ducklings, feed, medicine, vaccine etc. are high right now.**

The detail Guidelines for this special Backyard Poultry Farming Programme through Distribution of 28 days old Chicks / Ducklings among Individual Beneficiaries in the year 2021-22 is as follows.