



# Animal Ambulance Service Will Start in the State from April 1

## Why In News?

- On March 15, 2023, in the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Animal Husbandry Department held under the chairmanship of State Animal Husbandry and Dairy Minister Prem Singh Patel, it was informed that animal ambulance service would start in the state from April 1, 2023.

## Key points

- The Animal Husbandry Department has added employment to doctor, a compounder, including a call-center people for 1238 a driver in the ambulance. The ambulance will have all the necessary facilities.
- Minister Prem Singh Patel said that in Gram Sabhas where cow shelters are not being run systematically, this responsibility should be given to NGOs.
- The minister said that instead of separate and small Cow-Shalas in the block, destitute cows should be kept in one big Cow-Shala. Due to this good care of cows, their self-reliance will also increase due to more cow dung and urine. He said that a Go-Vansh Van Vihar should be made by connecting 10 Cow-Shalas.
- In the meeting, the updated status of various central and state schemes of animal husbandry, cow-buffalo, goat, poultry-rearing etc. was also discussed. In goat rearing, 60 percent subsidy is given to the beneficiary by the government. There is a provision of giving a subsidy of Rs 2 crore in the Rs 4 crore cow-rearing scheme of the central government. Along with this, a loan of up to Rs 10 lakh is given for 5 cows in the state's Acharya Vidyasagar Yojana.
- As a pilot project, 'Dairy Plus Scheme' has been implemented in Vidisha, Raisen and Sehore. In this, 75 percent grant is given to the Scheduled Caste-Tribe and 50 percent to the general. There is a provision of 90 percent grant to the special backward tribes Baiga, Bharia, Sahariya.
- The Animal Husbandry Minister said that free vaccines will be provided at the block level to increase the number of high breed calves in the state. This will lead to the birth of 90 per cent of the calves and will not unnecessarily increase the number of male calves. Apart from this, the number of good cows is also being increased by Embryo **Transplantation** of high breed cows with more milking cows.
- MPCDC distributes 7 lakh Sanchi milk packets daily in the state. Milk and its products collected from about 6 thousand 800 societies reach door to door through 1100 milk parlours, 513 milk booths and 5400 private agencies in the state.
- It was informed in the meeting that despite the death of about 70 thousand cows due to lumpy disease in the neighbouring state of Rajasthan, only 696 deaths were registered in Madhya Pradesh due to vigilance. More than 37 lakh 13 thousand vaccines given to cows to prevent lumpy disease have a big contribution in this.

