Minister of State Lauds Activities of Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG) for Development of Goat Husbandry in the State of Uttarakhand

Shri Harish Rawat, Hon'ble Minister of State (Agriculture, Food Processing Industries and Parliamentary Affairs) Government of India appreciated the activities undertaken by CIRG for the benefit of small ruminant keepers, particularly the poor goat farmers of the Uttarakhand State Speaking on the occasion of inauguration of the awareness-cum-clinical camps organized by CIRG, the minister emphasized the importance of these camps to create awareness amongst farmers to adopt scientific methods for animal husbandry. He said that CIRG has recently imparted training to a batch of 25 very poor goat farmers, which has been highly useful to them.

The CIRG is playing proactive role in goat development programmes in different states of the country for benefits of poor goat farmers. In its endeavor to create awareness amongst farmers of Uttarkhand state on scientific goat farming and to demonstrate benefits of CIRG technologies, the institute deputed a team comprising Dr Ashok Kumar, Principal Scientist (Vet Medicine), Dr Braj Mohan Principal Scientist (Extension Education), Dr VK Chaturvedi Veterinary Officer and Shri Vijay Kishore, Technical Officer to organize awareness cum clinical camps in three villages of Haridwar District of Uttarakhand from 8-10 October 2012. These camps attracted huge response from goat and sheep farmers. During the camps, farmers were appraised of scientific methods of goat and sheep rearing , focusing on breeding with pure breed male and upgrading of existing animals, identification of common diseases (PPR, ET, FMD) and vaccination schedule, improvement in housing and managements, nutrition management with supplementary and concentrate feeding, economic benefits of timely deworming, marketing and entrepreneurship avenues. A total of 457 farmers participated in these camps and 1780 sheep and goat were vaccinated for enterotoxaemia and /or PPR, and 1935 were dewormed and 133 sheep and goats were treated for various ailments. CIRG technologies useful to small ruminant holders were also displayed during these camps, organization of which was supported by The Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Uttarakhand and Chief Veterinary officer of Haridwar and veterinary officers of concerned took active part in different activities.

Besides, above camps, CIRG is imparting training on scientific goat farming to farmers including a special batch of 25 very poor farmers of the state on the advice of Hon. MoS and ICAR. During the last 10 years 120 farmers have successfully completed training on commercial goat farming at CIRG and many of them have started their own goat farms. One such progressive farmer, Mr Thakral, who is agriculture post-graduate, has recently included goat as one of the component in his integrated agriculture farm in Rudrapur District of Uttarkhand. CIRG is also supporting breed improvement programmes and projects in the state and has supplied superior animals (190 males and 125 females) of Jamunapari, Barbari and Jakhrana to progressive farmers, and Animal Husbandry Department and other developmental agencies to upgrade native goat germplasm in the state. CIRG also deputed Dr SK Singh and Dr UB Chaudhary to provide expert scientific support to International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) for preparing feeding and breeding policies for goat development programmes in the Uttarakhand State.

Honorable Minister of state for Agriculture sh. Harish Rawat addressing the goat& sheep farmers at camp site.

Honorable minister of state for Agriculture Sh. Harish Rawat alongwith scientist of CIRG and other officials of UK Govt. at a camp site in Haridwar distt.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Principal Scientist of, Principal scientist of CIRG addressing goat & sheep farmers at camp site in Haridwar distt.

Goat and sheep flok at a camp site in a village in Haridwar distt.

Goat farmers and animals at camp site in Haridwar distt. Sick animals are being examined by CIRG Scientist