



## Goals of New Livestock Sector Policy

On the basis of the livestock sector review 1999, it is apparent that the over-arching goals that Orissa's new livestock sector policy should pursue, shall be:

2.1. Use the livestock sector as an engine for the social and economic development of the rural population enabling steady growth of rural household income, increasing rural employment opportunities and improved quality of life, cutting across caste, class and gender.

2.2. Enable the small producers to actively participate in the process of development and equip them with information, skills and technologies to transform the growing challenges of the market place, into comparative and competitive advantages through improved livestock quality and higher productivity.

2.3. Ensure the ecological and environmental sustainability of the livestock sector growth and modernization; constantly monitoring the environmental impact of the growth process and designing policies and programmes to effectively mitigate their adverse impact.

2.4. To capacitate the marginalized sections, especially women, SCs and STs with supplementary inputs and services, so that they are enabled to have equal access to the opportunities offered under this new livestock development and management policy.

For achieving the proposed policy goals, the Department of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development (FARD), the administrative and nodal Department in the State Government for Livestock Development, will interact and liaise with other State Departments like Agriculture, Cooperation, Finance, Planning & Coordination, Revenue, Forest & Environment, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Labour & Employment and with the Government of India.

The Department of FARD will co-ordinate interaction between Government and Industry, between Cooperatives, NGOs and Private Enterprises, between Research Establishment and Industry and among a host of other actors whose actions will shape Orissa's competitive advantage. The most decisive role for the Government is to design a policy framework for the livestock sector for the coming decades and of orchestrating the actions of the multitude of actors involved in the sector.