

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - A FEAT OF LIFE AND FAMILY

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Not to speak of the other agricultural activities such as cultivation of crop husbandry, pisciculture poultry farming etc., the animal husbandry viz rearing of milch cows surely has the potential to take the unemployed youth to such a height that he can effectively maintain a family throughout the life.

I had undertaken the above task of rearing a milch cow in the year 1997. Having completed my graduation in that year I thought that the only way of self-employment, in the day-to-day life, would be the animal husbandry. And with this point in view and in the year 1997 a local variety cow of my own was being inseminated. For this work the local veterinary extension staff extended help.

Due to my unsound economic condition, I could not dare to purchase an improved variety of cow.. I had lost my father in the year 1997 and there were no earning member in my family. Our cultivated land was also very small which could not show any satisfactory yields that might support or maintain my family members.

Starting with the only local variety cow that was inseminated I have been marching to my goal, which yielded a good result, and gradually I become the owner of a number of good milch cows (jersey variety) at present. These cows daily fill up my bucket with 45 liters of milk @ 9 liters through 5 nos. of cows), which gives me an earning to the tune of Rs. 20,000.00 (Rupees Twenty thousand) per month. This helps me greatly in maintaining my whole family.

Although I am not applying for any Govt. loan for expansion of my works, yet I am keeping good contact with the Govt. veterinary staff located nearby our village as well as with the District Officer. They have been helping me through their extension activities intensively. The District Veterinary Officer

also extended various trainings in this regard and also provided seeds for fodder plot. Monetary help is also being provided off and on.

Now. I am pursuing my job attentively without expecting any other attractive salaries of Govt. or any institution and I am sure that I would be able to attain a new height in my future plan through this type of self-employment. I intend to fulfill my longing desire to expand my dairy farm in a proper scientific plan and hope that necessary technical guidance along with other financial help could be made available on due course.