

GUIDELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME - AZOLLA

CULTIVATION IN CEMENTED PIT 2025-26

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**Guidelines for implementation of the programme Azolla Cultivation in
cemented pit during the year 2025-26 under State Sector Scheme**

Sl No.	Components	Azolla Cultivation Programme
1	Objectives	This programme will promote production of Azolla in the backyard of farmers for feeding the animals to reduce the concentrate feed cost through easy availability of biomass rich in protein.
2	Unit Size	The unit size of azolla pit shall be 6 ft x 6 ft x 8 inches (2 mt. x 2 mt. x 0.2 mt) The diagrammatic representation of azolla pit is enclosed at Annexure-III
3	Unit Cost	The establishment cost of one Cemented Azolla Unit is Rs.3000/- and onetime back ended assistance will be provided to each farmer.
4	Target under the Programme	During the year 2025-26, 15000 units of cemented Azolla units will be established. The detail of target for each district is enclosed at Annexure- I.
5	Implementing Agencies	The Scheme will be implemented by Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Odisha, Cuttack through the Chief District Veterinary Officers and its field functionaries.
6	Eligibility Criteria	All willing farmers who own at least one cattle will be eligible to avail support under the Azolla Cultivation Programme.
7	Selection Procedure	• Azolla Cultivation Programme is primarily targeted for the dairy farmers having at least one milch animal and each farming household can avail benefit of one Azolla production unit only. • The BVO will select the farmer in consultation with the Para Vet/LI of the locality and concerned Milk Route Supervisor of OMFED (In case of selection of MPCS members) for implementation of the programme. • One household will be assisted with one Azolla unit for larger coverage and that will serve as a source of Azolla Seed Culture unit for the other interested farmers of that locality in future. • The selected beneficiary list of the block on submission by BVO to be scrutinized & approved by the District level Fodder Development Committee under the Chairmanship of CDVO prior to release of funds. • The Go-ahead letters to the selected farmers to be issued by the CDVOs.



8	Implementation Strategy	• The CDVOs shall allocate block wise targets basing on the potentiality/ availability of the interested farmers. The indicative district wise target is placed at Annexure-I. • The handholding support to the beneficiary will be given by the fodder staff regarding construction of the pit and educate the farmers on the methodologies for production of Azolla and its feeding to the dairy animals. • The farmer shall be advised to report the local Veterinary Officer/ L.I regarding completion of the civil construction within 30 days from issue of Go-ahead letter. Then he/she will arrange all other required inputs for starting the production of Azolla. • The demonstration on the Azolla cultivation will be the responsibility of the local L.I with the assistance of the fodder staff posted at CDVO/ SDVO offices. • The list of beneficiaries selected in each district should be uploaded in DSS portal by the respective CDVOs. The CDVOs shall keep the records of the beneficiary in the prescribed proforma enclosed herewith at Annexure-II. • The Utilization Certificate on completion of the programme shall be sent to the Directorate by the CDVO in OGFR Form No.-7A.
9	Review and Monitoring	1. Block Veterinary Officer (BVO) should cross check at least 5% of the Azolla units under his jurisdiction. 2. From the district level CDVO, ADVO (AW), ADVO (LP) will inspect at least 2% of Azolla units. 3. The Lis/ VTs/ Fodder Staff will be tied up for providing handholding support to the farmers. 4. The CDVO will submit a monthly report on the implementation of the scheme to the Directorate of AH & VS, Odisha. 5. The progress made under the scheme shall be placed before the District Level Fodder Task Force constituted in each district for appraisal during its meeting. 6. District wise progress on the scheme will be reviewed on a monthly basis by Directorate of AH&VS. 7. District wise progress on the scheme will be reviewed once in two months by the Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Development Department (F&ARD) under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, F&ARD.

NB: Please note that these guidelines are subject to modification based on emerging needs and feedback from field personnel.



District wise target for Azolla cultivation programme in cemented pit for the year 2025-26

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Block	No. of GPs	Unit in Numbers
1	Angul	8	225	500
2	Balasore	12	356	750
3	Bhadrak	7	218	450
4	Bargarh	12	253	700
5	Bolangir	14	317	700
6	Boudh	3	69	150
7	Cuttack	14	373	800
8	Dhenkanal	8	212	500
9	Deogarh	3	70	150
10	Ganjam	22	503	850
11	Gajapati	7	149	350
12	Jajpur	10	311	750
13	Jagatsinghpur	8	198	500
14	Jharsuguda	5	78	250
15	Kandhamal	12	171	400
16	Khordha	10	190	450
17	Keonjhar	13	297	700
18	Kendrapara	9	249	600
19	Koraput	14	240	550
20	Kalahandi	13	310	600
21	Mayurbhanj	26	404	800
22	Malkangiri	7	111	200
23	Nabarangpur	10	189	500
24	Nuapada	5	131	300
25	Nayagarh	8	194	450
26	Puri	11	268	600
27	Rayagada	11	182	300
28	Sonepur	6	109	250
29	Sambalpur	9	138	400
30	Sundargarh	17	279	500
Total		314	6794	15000

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF BENEFICIARY LIST FOR BACKYARD AZOLLA CULTIVATION PROGRAMME 2025-26

Sl.	Aadhaar No.	Beneficiary Name	Block	G.P	Village	Contact No.	Category (Gen/SC/ST)	Gender(M/F/Other)	Units (Nos)	Go ahead letter No	Date of issue of Go ahead letter	Subsidy Amount	Bank Account No	IFSC Code	Bank Name	Branch Name

District Fodder Officer

ADVO (LP/AW)

Chief District Veterinary officer

***NB:** The structure should be so constructed that there should not be any seepage of water.