

WELFARE FUND FOR CATTLE REARING FARMERS

Welfare fund for cattle rearing farmers was established as part of the Kerala dairy farmers' welfare fund act, 2007. Application for registration shall be made, in such form as may be prescribed, to the officer of the Dairy Development Department authorised by the Chief Executive Officer in this behalf in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides. Dairy farmers who were above the age of 18 can avail this scheme. 24000 persons were given pension from this fund. Besides this, 300 persons were given family pension of Rs.500per month, 228 persons marriage assistance and 135 persons posthumous financial help. At present there are 2 lakh farmers in the Welfare Fund Board. Best cattle rearing farmers in every district are given cash awards and certificates every year. There is a budgetary provision of Rs. 30 lakhs for expanding the activities of the Welfare Fund Board. Fund may be utilised for all or any of the following purposes, namely:-

- (a) To give pension to a person who has measured milk at least for 10 years in Milk Co-operative Society and who became incapable of being engaged in the rearing of cattle due to disablement. (This provision shall not be applicable to those existing members of the Welfare Fund who are getting pension or other benefits from it).
- (b) To give pension to the member who has measured milk for five years, who is a member of the society and has completed the age of sixty years;
- (c) For payment of family pension and loans;
- (d) For payment of financial assistance to a member who suffers permanent disablement