

## Guidelines for ZIST Mini-Sheep Units Scheme

1. On first come first serve basis, applications from group of farmers to *Chairman, ZIST* recommended through local Mosque/Intinzamiya Committee that shall certify poor/needy status of two local farmers (applicants) of the said village for two units of 5 to 10 ewes and to be considered for allocation of funds in the current year 2024.
2. The application/s received in ZIST office through online mode or offline mode will be assessed and recommended by at least two members of BoT' of the ZIST and funds released as per the availability.
3. Applications should be from Farmer group consisting of four needy farmers who have techno-feasibility certified by any serving or retired vet/paravet and farmers mutually guaranteeing to help one another in case of exigencies/losses.
4. The Committee shall prioritize farmer names in order of urgency/need and intimate ZIST for retrieval of half of the progeny (or as per below mentioned formula) \* from each farmer for next in listed farmer of the group when animal achieves 25 kg body weight or five months age whichever is earlier. Retrieval of whole progeny shall be completed within two years with 30-40% of it completed before 350 days from the time of allocation in the first year. \*(For 10 ewe unit three to four female animals will be retrieved in the first year and for 5 ewe unit two animals).
5. On successful retrieval of animals and possession certificate from farmers in line, next group of farmers similarly pledging mutual help and cooperation in sheep farming retrieval of the stock as per ZIST formula can be considered for allocation of units.
6. If mosque committee chooses to finance 50% of cost of unit, additional / another unit can be sanctioned in the same calendar year in the same village.

### *Note on the Scheme:*

*An ewe gives, on average, three lambs/two years with professional management of progressive breeders. As such one unit of ten ewes shall give 30 lambs without any twinning from which ten will be retrieved for the next farmer within the group. The group as a whole shall qualify for recommendation through ZIST for number of services including supply of subsidized quality feed, free deworming, testing and marketing support.*