

POULTRY SEED PROJECT (PSP)

The Poultry Seed Project is a scheme totally funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Objectives:

The Project is aimed at production and distribution of backyard poultry (Vanaraja, Gramapriya, Srinidhi and Krishibro) to cater to the needs of rural population. The methodology of implementation is detailed below:

1. Parents (male line male and female line female) of improved chicken germplasm (Vanaraja, Gramapriya and Srinidhi) will be procured from the ICAR-DPR, and will be reared under standard management practices.
2. Parent lines will be reared to produce fertile eggs. After hatching the chicks will be reared in the nursery unit or sold to NGOs/KVKs/farmers for nursery rearing up to 6 weeks of age. After nursery phase the chicks will be distributed to the individual farmers on cost basis.
3. To know the performance of the birds at farmer's field recording of body weight at 4 weeks intervals during growing (7-20 weeks). Egg production and egg weight at every 14 day intervals during egg laying period (21-72 weeks) will be recorded. Analysis, documentation and reporting of the data at regular intervals.

Achievements:

The Project has so far supplied about 47,865 chicks and 6,000 fertile eggs of different backyard poultry varieties for the benefit of farmers and conducted eleven capacity building programs to upgrade the skills of farmers.

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