From
The Executive Director
Kudumbashree

To
The Joint Secretary (NULM)
Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi

Sir,

Sub: SPEM- Kudumbashree- NULM- Support for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry activities under DAY- NULM -reg

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry activities have great significance as a means of livelihood. The Ministry at the time of initiation has encouraged agriculture and animal husbandry activities as Self Employment. Now the promotion of enterprises in these sectors cannot be made due to the amendment in the guidelines of SEP. The ULBs are requesting constantly as many women prefer these sectors as it can be done as a secondary activity.

Even if Kerala being one among the most urbanized state, with 93 ULBs, 40% of the urban people are finding their livelihood from the primary sector. Hence providing support to these urban poor, under SEP component of NULM is much appreciated and will do justice to the needy of the society.

The Kudumbashree Mission has conducted a campaign in the months of February- March to find the left out poor families from the Kudumbashree network, potential persons for SEP and EST & P. In the data analysis and subsequent ward level meetings, many people expressed their desire to start enterprises in animal husbandry and Agriculture activities. But as there is no provision to provide support to these activities under DAY- NULM, we are unable to promote the demand from the field. Therefore, it is much appreciated if specific intervention is made to incorporate these sectors under the SEP component of DAY- NULM so that more interested women can be integrated into the self employment programme.

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,

Executive Director
Kudumbashree