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The Director
Sheep Husbandry Department
Jammu (Chairman PGMC)

Subject: HADP entitled “Promotion of wool and pelt for effective processing and marketing”- Monthly progress report for the month of Sep 2025.

Sir,

Kindly find attached MPR of the HADP entitled “Promotion of wool and pelt for effective processing and marketing” for the month of Sep 2025.

Further, in light of the ongoing civil works and the planned procurement of machinery for the R&D Fur Processing Unit, it is requested to kindly release the remaining budget for the financial year 2025–26, along with the unspent budget from the first year of the project. This will greatly facilitate timely execution of infrastructure development and procurement activities.

Yours faithfully,

**Dr. Asif Hassan Sofi
Head
Division of LPT**

Copy to:

- Director Research, SKUAST-K for information.

Financial Progress as on 31-09-2025

(In lakhs)

S. No	Activity	Amount Released (I)	Amount Booked (II)	Expenditure (III)	Total Expenditure (II + III)
1	Revival of wool and pelt based cottage based industry, conservation, branding of ITK's.	12.00	10.34	1.50	11.84
2	R&D for technology developemnt of value added wool & fur based products	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		12.00	10.34	1.50	11.84

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Component	Physical activities
Revival of wool and pelt-based cottage industry, conservation, branding of ITK's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation and Adoption of Artisan group: A Wool artisan group namely “<i>Gulafrooz Spinning Cooperative Ltd.</i>” Bankoot, Bandipora was adopted for Handholding and Technology Support covering 25 beneficiaries. Skill Upgradation programme: 10 days skill upgradation programme entitled “Hands on training on wool spinning using advanced Charkha” was conducted for the adopted wool artisan group namely “<i>Gulafrooz Spinning Cooperative Ltd.</i>” Bankoot, Bandipora between 22 Oct to 1st Sep 2025, covering 23 beneficiaries. Handholding & Technology Support: Ongoing support in terms of technical guidance and handholding is being extended to adopted artisan clusters/groups, including “<i>The Legacy Wool World</i>”, “<i>Manasbal Khadi Gram Udyog Sangh, Bandipora</i>”, and <i>Sehar Carpets Company Pvt. Ltd., Baramulla</i>. Skill Development Programme: A six-month-long programme is currently underway on “<i>Development of Novel Sheep Fur-Based Value-Added Articles</i>”, aimed at diversifying product lines and enhancing artisans’ skills. Collaboration and Partnerships: The technical programme for execution of signed MOU with IICT, aimed at strengthening collaboration for revival of the woolen carpet industry was framed. Operationalization of CFC: Road map for operationalization of CFC Budgam was framed and submitted to DSHO Budgam. Exhibition cum Stakeholders Meet: An exhibition was organized at FVSc & AH to showcase various technologies, processes, and diverse products from the wool, pashmina, and silk industries. The Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, graced the event as the Chief Guest. A stakeholders’ meet was also convened under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, during which stakeholders from the pashmina and wool sectors raised their concerns and issues for redressal.
R&D for technology development of value-added wool & fur based products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inauguration of Animal Fibre quality assurance laboratory: The Animal Fibre quality assurance laboratory was inaugurated by Union Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Gol to serve as a Quality Certification Centre, capacity building hub, and R&D unit. R&D Fur Processing Unit: Civil works for the establishing the R&D Fur Processing Unit at Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Shuhama is in progress, aimed at promoting value-addition and innovation in fur-based product development. Accreditation of Animal Fibre Quality Assurance Laboratory: The accreditation process for the laboratory is in progress to ensure alignment with national quality standards for reliable fibre testing and certification. An internal audit team from Textile Committee Mumbai visited the lab this month to identify and address potential gaps prior to formal accreditation. Ongoing R&D Initiatives: Research and development activities are actively being pursued in fur and wool-based value-added products, with a focus on innovations such as wool blended products, nano-finished wool textiles and technical wool textiles, addressing both functional performance and market needs.

- **Collaboration with IICT Srinagar:** Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the *Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Srinagar* has been initiated to advance collaborative R&D interventions in woolen carpet processing technologies.
- **Procurement of Machinery:** A GeM bid has been floated for the procurement of fur processing machinery to be installed in the R&D Fur Processing Unit at Shuhama.
- **Upcoming Collaborations:** The process for signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with NINFET Kolkata and CSWRI Avikanagar is in progress, focusing on joint initiatives in research, innovation, and capacity building for the wool sector.

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