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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao has said that in the State so far 23.80 Lakh sheep were distributed among the Golla-Kuruma communities. For all those who made the mockery and questioned from where will 80 Lakh sheep be procured to be distributed for the programme, the sheep so far distributed should be a befitting answer, the CM said. The CM made these remarks to a batch of delegates from all over the country, who came to participate in All India Kurumas Conference. The delegation met the CM at Pragathi Bhavan here on Monday. The delegates have congratulated the CM for implementing an innovative sheep distribution schemes for the welfare and development of Golla Kuruma communities.

Among those who met the CM included Sri Revanna (Minister for Transport) Karnataka, Sri Mahadev Jankar (Minister for Animal Husbandry & Fisheries, Maharashtra), Sri Ram Shinde (Minister for Water Conservation & BC Welfare), Sri Bandhappa (former Minister, Karnataka), Sri Tula Uma (Z.P. Chairman, Karimnagar) Sri Prakash Varthur (M.L.A, Kolar Constituency, Karnataka), Sri Dinesh Mohaniya (Vice-Chairman, Delhi Water Board) Sri Saithan Saippal (President All India Pal Mahasabha), Sri R. Krishna Swamy (Tamil Nadu, Kurma Sangam), Sri B.K. Ravi (Registrar, Bangalore University), Sri K.M. Ram Chandrappa (General Secretary Kurma Sangam, Karnataka), Sri Suraj Hegde (AICC General Secretary), Sri V. Rama Rao (M.L.C, Maharashtra), Sri Veera Bhadracharya (Advocate, Bangalore), Sri D.K. Pal (Secretary Shepard Federation), Sri Yegge Malleshham (President Kurma Sangam, Telangana), Telangana Deputy Speaker Smt. Padma Devender Reddy, Minister Sri Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Sri K. Srinivas (Local), Sri Devar Rajashekar (Local), Sri Sheera Srikanth (Local), Sri B. Narayana (Local), Sri V. Shanker (Local), Sri Suresh (Prl. Secretary, Animal Husbandry), Sri Laxma Reddy (M.D. Federation), Sri Kalyan (O.S.D to Minister) and others.

The delegation has expressed happiness and congratulated the CM for initiating several programmes and schemes for the upliftment of their community and other Backward Classes and supporting their cause. They said these schemes and programmes are very innovative and great. On this occasion, the CM has explained to them various schemes, programmes launched by the state government for the development welfare of the BCs in general and Golla Kurumas in particular. The CM said he had been in the public life for 40 years and lead the Telangana statehood movement and hence he would know what exactly people need. If one does good for the people will greatly benefit but by not

making mere words but only strong actions. He said he has clarity on what people want and need. During the Telangana statehood agitation, the CM said he had spent hours together with national leaders from all the political parties explaining to them in details why a Telangana separate state is needed. After 14 years of relentless struggle, the Telangana State is achieved and he had done a deep study on what good should be done to the people, the CM said. He said it was necessary to study about Telangana during the separate statehood movement and the study continued even after coming to power on what should be done to the State. Under the united AP rule nothing good was done to the region or else there would not have been any problem. With the natural resources provided by mother nature, there is nothing one cannot produce and the opportunity should be properly utilised by both the national and state.

Explaining about the sheep distribution scheme, the CM said Yadav community is crores in number in the country but yet we are importing meat. He said in Telangana state there are about 35 to 40 lakh Yadav community people and their profession is rearing sheep. But yet the State is importing 650 truckloads of meat and in Hyderabad city alone 35p Truckloads of meat is being imported on a daily basis, which is shameful. A deep thought and study is done on how to stop this import of meat and as a result, Rs. 4,500 Crore worth scheme is planned. As part of the plan, it is decided to distribute 84 Lakh sheep in the State in the next two years. So far 23.80 Lakh sheep were distributed as part of the programme. He said the government has resolved to tap and develop the human resource of the Golla Kuruma communities. The CM said after two years, in Hyderabad, All India Shepard Community Conference will be held and by then the Telangana Shepard community will become the richest community.

The CM said in the past no one ever understood the problems faced by the farmers and hence the suicides. He said for the first time, a step is initiated to organise the farmers through the Farmers Seva Samithies. Rs. 8,000 per acre will be given as an input subsidy to farmers from next year. If farmers, Shepard community, Milk producers become economically strong the Stare's economy will be robust.

In this context, the CM announced the grant of 10 acres of land for the construction of Golla Kuruma Hostel and Rs. 10 crore funds. For all those BC candidates who cannot win the direct election, they can be accommodated in the Legislative Council. The CM had lunch with the delegation at Pragathi Bhavan.

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