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A two-days National Dialogue on Land use for integrated livestock development was held on 1st November 2019 under the chairmanship of Dr. R. S. Paroda, Chairman, TAAS. The Dialogue was inaugurated by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR as Chief Guest of the inaugural session. While inaugurating, Dr. Mohapatra stressed upon the requirements of the country for managing the livestock production more effectively through better planning, strategy and coordination. He informed the house, although ICAR has taken many initiatives including the production of feed and fodder, mitigating the greenhouse gases, genomic selection of indigenous animals, vaccines and diagnostics improvement, emphasis is needed more on the sustainable livestock production through availability of quality feed and fodder.

While addressing the gathering, Dr. Paroda emphasized that the livestock sector is managed mostly by the small holder farmers, so their requirements has to be taken into consideration while providing both research for development and support. He also mentioned that though the livestock sector contributes appreciably in the Agricultural and National GDP, this sector is receiving relatively less financial support from National and International agencies. There is a need to frame enabling policies to enhance livestock production through efficient fodder, feed and management practices.

Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Trustee, TAAS while welcoming the Chief Guest and participants , elaborated the purpose of the meeting and requested the participants to actively deliberate on the very important issues associated with land use for livestock farming.

Dr. J. K. Jena, DDG (AS & Fy. Sci), ICAR stressed upon the importance of livestock sector for livelihood security in India. He also stressed upon the need for quality feed and fodder and their proper use for livestock production.

Dr. H. Rahman, Regional Representative for South Asia, ILRI elaborated the importance of the livestock in International perspectives as this sector providing livelihood to 1.3 billion peoples, providing 18% Kcal and 39% protein and contributing about 40% of Agricultural GDP. In spite of this contribution, this sector is receiving only 3% of Global Agriculture Development Funding, he stated. He also elaborated about ILRI's activities globally and in South Asia including India and the initiative taken on the feed and fodder production globally.

Dr. O. P. Yadav, Director, CAZRI proposed vote of thanks. In all, 110 delegates are participating in the two-days National Dialogue. There are six technical sessions and one plenary session in the National Dialogue.
