

Consolation Award



Herbal medication for curing anestrus in cattle

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Born in 1958, Kataviya lives with his father Badaji Didaji Kataviya, mother, wife, one of their sons and his wife. Badaji is very old and mostly bed-ridden. Babubhai Badaji Kataviya, his brother, also lives nearby. Both the brothers are school drop outs. The family's chief occupation is agriculture, dairying and cattle-rearing. They have a two acre land, where they grow wheat, rice, pigeon-pea and corn as main crops. They have some cattle also.

The present herbal formulation for treating anestrus is meant for buffaloes primarily. The herbal formulation has been practiced in the family for a long time. Khumaji learnt the formulation from his father, Badaji. His brother, Babubhai Badaji Kataviya, knows about the formulation as well.

The healers administer a part of a local herb (name withheld due to IP reasons) to animals affected with

anestrus. The animal shows signs of estrus in eight days. To validate the practice, some clinical conditions were identified with signs of flaccid uterus, smooth ovaries and with no estrus behavior. The clinical cases were administered medication for 4 days. The animals resumed estrus cycle in 8 days and both got inseminated.