

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title : Regarding Development of a vaccine for Lumpy disease.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI): The effects of the Lumpy disease has been quite disastrous this year on our agrarian economy. A total of 1,55,724 cattle have died so far and 29,52,233 have been severely affected across the country. Dairy farmers are at a constant economic strain due to the loss of cattle, lowered milk production from infected but cured ones and are bearing extra cost to provide extensive diet facilities and medication to the affected cattle to prevent them from dying. As the loss is huge and so severely spread across the country, a centralized plan is needed from the Government to revive dairy economy. For that, adequate compensation and medical assistance need to be given to the affected farmers and free and subsidized fodder should be provided to them at the earliest. Also, several researches have revealed that the virus is undergoing mutations inside the host and no long-term vaccine can be guaranteed. As Lumpy Skin Disease outbreaks occur in epidemics several years apart, a comprehensive research should be carried out to study its behaviour to make vaccines so that in future we can minimize and contain its spread in first few days.
