

areas. There were adequate supplies of pesticides and in some cases aerial spraying was taken up.

Death of Cattle in Famine affected areas

**2024. Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a vast number of cattle perished for want of fodder and water in the famine-affected areas of the States during the last one year;

(b) if so, the extent of loss caused to the ryots; and

(c) the steps taken to save the cattle wealth of the people during the drought period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) to (c). Information is given in the statement below:

STATEMENT

The information was called for from all State Governments and Union Territories. Replies from the Governments of Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Union Territories of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Pondicherry, Tripura, Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar and Goa have so far been received. Reply from the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Mysore, Nagaland, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir is awaited.

Based on the replies so far received, the information with regard to paras (a), (b) and (c) is as follows:

(a) and (b). 6,500 cattle in Maharashtra and a few in Orissa are reported to have died due to the shortage of fodder and water etc.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the State Governments to save the cattle wealth:

- (i) Free grazing facilities were allowed in reserve forest areas.
- (ii) Taccavi loans were given to cultivators for the purchase of fodder.
- (iii) The export of fodder outside the State was banned by the Governments of Maharashtra and Bihar.
- (iv) Cattle feeding centres were opened. Fodder depots and grazing camps were set up by the Forest Department.
- (v) People in scarcity areas were allowed to carry head load of fodder free of charge from forest areas.
- (vi) Veterinary aid and vaccination against contagious cattle diseases was extended to the cultivators.
- (vii) Existing wells, bunds and Ziriyaes were constructed; deepened for avoiding the shortage of water.

Insurance of Cattle

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Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for the insurance of cattle has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.