

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 686
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2024

ADVISORY BY ICAR REGARDING FEEDING OF ANIMALS

686. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute has issued an advisory on feeding of animals with parts of cassava (Tapioca) in view of the incident in Idukki in Kerala where 13 cows died in a farm recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute is also conducting research on other plants which contain the compounds called cyanogenic glucosides; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) & (b): In view of the death of cows in Idukki district of Kerala after feeding with cassava peels, ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institutes has issued an advisory on how to feed the animals with parts of cassava (Tapioca plant parts and the same has been published in major newspapers and also uploaded on website.

The Advisory gives information on precautions to be taken while using different part of cassava plant for feeding animals as it contains the toxic compounds called cyanogenic glucosides.

(c) & (d): ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute is not conducting research on other plants which contain the compounds called cyanogenic glucosides.
