

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5850  
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MAD COW DISEASE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the mad cow disease has surfaced in some countries of the World including India recently;
- (b) if so, whether any case of suspected mad cow disease has come to the notice of the Government from any part of the country;
- (c) if so, whether the Government are fully equipped to combat the menace of mad cow disease; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to combat the diseases in case of an outbreak?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Mad Cow Disease (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) has been reported in Germany, Denmark and Norway recently. The disease has not so far been reported in India.

(c)&(d): Although the disease is not prevalent in India, the Government to prevent ingress of the disease, has issued a Notification prohibiting import of live cattle, buffalo, sheep and goat; bovine, ovine and caprine embryos/ova/semen; fresh meat, meat products, tissue/organs, meat and bone meal of ruminant origin from countries where incidence of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy group of diseases has been reported.

Surveillance and monitoring for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy has been introduced in Central and Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories of the Department.