

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the rapid spread and persistence of the foot and mouth disease in animals in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether adequate funds and expertise are not being made available to tackle this problem;
- (c) the plans of the Government to tackle this problem in the current year;
- (d) whether any team has been sent to visit the affected areas in the State; and
- (e) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) Yes, Sir. As per information provided by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Foot and Mouth Disease is prevalent in some areas of the State.
- (b) To tackle the problem funds are made available by Central Government for subsidised vaccination and necessary expertise are made available by the State Governments.
- (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh proposes to vaccinate 2,77,500 animals against Foot and Mouth Disease during the current year. The State Government's requirement for Rs.4.56 lakhs during 2002-03, has already been released as Central grants for control of Foot and Mouth Disease.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The scientists from regional Foot and Mouth Disease laboratory, Hyderabad have visited the outbreak areas along with local and district level officers and taken steps for effective control of foot and mouth disease.