

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:960
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IMPORT OF ANIMALS FROM AUSTRALIA
RAJO SINGH;SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of animals imported from Australia during the last three years;
- (b) whether the 200 animals imported from Australia with a cost of three and a half crore rupees are suffering from serious diseases and the health protocol has not been adhered to in this purchase;
- (c) whether High Security Disease Laboratory situated in Bhopal has diagnosed them to be suffering from Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and Malignant Catarrhal Fever;
- (d) if so, whether certain persons are trying to shield this irregularity by giving a clean chit to these diseased animals;
- (e) if so, whether these animals brought to India for breeding purposes have been kept in Chennai quarantine station;
- (f) if so, whether medical check up of these animals was conducted before their import;
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (h) the total amount of foreign exchange spent thereon; and
- (i) the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) 292 Cattle, 205 pigs, 60 goats, 2 horses and 53 dogs have been imported from Australia during the last three years, as per the quarantine records.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. A number of imported animals have been found to be positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and Malignant Catarrhal Fever by High Security Animal Disease Laboratory, Bhopal.