GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2498 ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004 HIV TEST IN ANIMALS Singh Shri Rakesh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any report from Sri Nirwikar Path on June 26, 2004 regarding blood samples of animals which have been found HIV positive;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to undertake further investigation in this direction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry received a report from Nirwikar Path regarding blood samples of animals found HIV positive. This was examined in consultation with the experts/scientist of the country. The experts are of the opinion that HIV does not occur in animals.

©&(d): There is no report in the literature world wide that animals are affected by HIV. Therefore, the Government does not propose to conduct test on the virus.