

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISEASE IN LIVESTOCK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foot and mouth disease has been detected among livestock in various parts of country, particularly in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to control the disease in the livestock?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): Foot and Mouth Disease occurs sporadically in various parts of the country including Kerala. As per information received from Government of Kerala, a total of 827 cattle, 27 buffaloes, 4 goats and 94 pigs were affected due to Foot and Mouth Disease between January, 2007 to July, 2007 of which 40 cattle, 2 buffaloes, 2 goats and 6 pigs have been died.

(c): Government of India is implementing an intensive Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP) in 54 specified districts of the country including Quilon, Thiruvananthapuram and Pathanamthitha districts of Kerala. Vaccination against FMD in remaining areas is undertaken by States under another programme called Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD).