GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:276 ANSWERED ON:13.12.2011 LIVESTOCK POPULATION Pratapsinhmaharaj Shri Bhonsle Shrimant Chh. Udganraje;Singh Kunwar Rewati Raman

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been reports of outbreak of deadly diseases amongst the livestock population in various parts of the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, the estimated number of birds/animals culled as a result thereof;

(c) the success achieved so far by the Government in preventing the spread of these diseases; and

(d) the road map prepared for development of livestock during the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d); A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 276 for 13.12.2011 regarding `Livestock Population`

(a) There have been reports of outbreaks of deadly diseases (which may cause death) in livestock and poultry in the country during July, 2010 to June, 2011. The diseases that have high mortality rate include Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Bird Flu), Ranikhet (Newcastle disease), Glanders, Anthrax, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Rabies.

(b) The Government of India authorizes culling to contain only outbreaks of Avian Influenza and Glanders. During this period, a total of 20,520 poultry birds were culled to contain Avian Influenza outbreaks, and 2 horses were culled to contain Glanders outbreaks.

(c) All outbreaks of Bird Flu in poultry and Glanders in equines have been successfully controlled and contained in the affected areas.

(d) The 12th Plan document has not been finalized by the Planning Commission.