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CATTLE DISEASE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is a fact that many cattle died due to Foot and Mouth disease in various States during the last three years;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the preventive measures taken by the Government to save the cattle from this disease;
- (d) whether the Government is conducting any research in regard to such disease;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome thereof;
- (f) whether any intensive cattle examination system has been developed in the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b) Deaths of cattle due to Foot and Mouth Disease in various States have been reported during the last three years. The details of outbreaks, attack and deaths reported by the States/ Union Territories is at Annexure-I. Sporadic deaths occur in young calves due to myocardial infarction and in adult animals death occurs in some cases due to clinical complications with pathogenic bacterial infections like Haemorrhagic Septicaemia.

(c) In order to prevent, control and contain the Foot and Mouth disease, Government of India provides funds to the State Governments for immunisation/ vaccination through a centrally sponsored scheme namely - Livestock Health & Disease Control under `Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD)` and Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP). Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme is being implemented in 221 specified districts of the country with 100% central funding for cost of vaccine, maintenance of cold chain and other logistic support to undertake vaccination. Moreover, funds are also provided to all the States/UTs other than those covered under FMD-CP for control of economically important diseases of livestock including FMD under ASCAD. Few States are also carrying out FMD vaccinations under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

(d) & (e) Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) is actively engaged in FMD research through Project Directorate on FMD, Mukteshwar and Indian Veterinary research Institute (IVRI), Bangalore on epidemiology, diagnosis and surveillance of FMD in the country. The details of research and outcome is at Annexure-II

(f) & (g) ICAR has initiated National FMD Sero-Surveillance studies as annual activity to monitor virus circulation. Annually, about 100 animals in each district of the country are being tested.