

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2346
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SPREAD OF SWINE FLU AMONG LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the work assigned to central animal disease laboratories and animal husbandry departments of Union/State Governments in preventing spread of swine flu;
- (b) whether the Government is satisfied with their performance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any contingency plan has been drawn to tackle this threat and save the livestock and poultry in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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- (a) The Central/ Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories (CDDL / RDDDLs) function as referral laboratories for diagnosis of livestock diseases. These laboratories support the efforts of the State Governments and their laboratories towards prevention, control and containment of animal disease.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Madam. The States have undertaken intensive physical surveillance of swine populations. Any unusual mortality in pigs is examined closely and samples sent to the High Security Animal Disease Laboratory B(HSADL),Bhopal.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. An advisory along with a fact-sheet on swine influenza was circulated to all the States in April 2009. The Government is maintaining necessary vigil to tackle any situation of occurrence of swine flu in animals in the country